

Spring
2016

Sydenham



Your local assembly, your say

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

Welcome to the Sydenham Assembly Spring 2016 newsletter. The Assembly is an open community meeting that takes place four times a year. The meetings are your chance to help shape the future of this part of the borough of Lewisham. Anyone who lives, works and learns in Sydenham is invited to attend.

Come along to the Sydenham Centre on 1st March to catch up on all that's happening in your local area.

Next meeting

Tuesday 1 March

7pm-9pm

Sydenham Centre

44a Sydenham Road

SE26 5QF

Buses 75, 194, 202, 450

At the next meeting

- **Future of the Post Office**
- **Transport issues**
- **Planning issues, inc The Greyhound**
- **Car parking pressures**
- **Waste and recycling**
- **Easter events**

New Assembly Chair

Councillor Rachel Onikosi is the new Chair of the Sydenham Assembly for 2016.

Cllr Onikosi said: "I want to see new ideas, new faces and I really want to drive through some great actions that will make Sydenham an even better place to live, school and work." Contact Cllr Onikosi about any ideas you have whether or not you attend the Assembly meetings. You can also follow Cllr Onikosi on twitter @RachelOnikosi.



Future of Sydenham Post Office

The post office has revealed plans to franchise 39 outlets, which could affect Sydenham. See back page for full details

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Poets R Us - Launch of the very first 'Sydenham Poetry Competition'

Sydenham Assembly in conjunction with Sydenham Arts are calling for young poets to put their pens to paper demonstrating their poetry talent. We are keen to highlight the many talented young people in Sydenham and help harness their skills. 'Sydenham Poetry Town' led by Sydenham Arts, is asking for young people between the ages of 5 and 11 years old to write a poem about what's it's like to live or go to school in Sydenham'. The poem should be no more than an A4 side of paper. Please include your name and age,

POETRY
TOWN

**Sydenham
Arts.**

Kirkdale Bookshop

school and address at the top of the poem.

The winner will receive a lunch or dinner with a famous poet living in Sydenham, as well as the opportunity to perform their poem at the Summer Sydenham Assembly.

We'll also advertise the poem in the next newsletter.

Two runners up will also be selected.

Parents or schools should submit poems to sarah.lang@lewisham.gov.uk. For further information please contact cllr_rachel.onikosi@lewisham.gov.uk

Sydenham Arts Festival of Music

Sydenham Arts are busy planning first Sydenham Arts Festival of Music from the 9th - 17th of April.

Working in collaboration with Spectrum Ensemble London they have several concerts planned including the Spectrum Octet, an evening of Wind and String Chamber Music and a "Painting Music" workshop for families. Other artists involved in the 9 day festival are the wonderful Palisander Recorder Quartet, United Sound of Sydenham vinyl DJ's, the return of soprano Felicity Hayward and Red Hot and Blue exploration of spirituals "The Spirit of New Orleans".

Find out more about the Festival at The Colour of Sound on the Sunday 28th of February, 3pm at the Sydenham Centre. An art exhibition and open conversation with founder of Spectrum Ensemble London Fiona Bryan, including music from Fiona and the Spectrum Octet. Tickets at www.sydenhamarts.co.uk

Clean for the Queen



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JOIN
YOUR LOCAL

CLEAN UP

As Queen Elizabeth's 90th birthday approaches, millions of people will be hitting the streets on 4th, 5th and 6th of March to litter pick and remove graffiti in support of the Keep Britain Tidy Campaign. In Sydenham there will be several clean up initiatives organised by groups of residents and we are encouraging other residents to join in. Local councillors will also be getting involved. Please contact cllr_rachel.onikosi@lewisham.gov.uk for more information.



Sydenham's Saturday market returns

The fun resumes in Venner and Queensthorpe Squares on 9 April 2016

Now that the weather is getting warmer, it's a pleasure to welcome back Sydenham's market on the second Saturday of every month. As in previous years we'll have a variety of market stalls on Venner and Queensthorpe Squares, including food, arts and crafts. We look forward to hearing from residents who wish to sell their home baked cakes, self made designer jewellery, or even exotic smoothies. Everyone is welcome at our Sydenham market, which will feature great entertainment on the day through the High Street Happenings programme. To discuss booking a stall please contact the Lewisham street market team on - 020 8314 - 2050 or email markets@lewisham.gov.uk



Take the High Street Easter Egg Trail



Calling all children under 10 years of age. Sydenham Easter Egg Trail returns on Saturday 26th March.

From 2-3pm shops along Sydenham High Street displaying the Sydenham Easter Egg Trail poster will offer mini eggs to children. What's more, children can also make an Easter Bonnet at Here For Good (17 Sydenham Road) on Easter Saturday 26 March from 12 noon to 2pm. So join in the fun this Easter.

Diary dates for Sydenham

Sunday 28th February

Sydenham Arts presents The Colour of Sound. An art exhibition and insight into Fiona Bryan's music inspired paintings and new arrangements for wind ensemble. 3pm at the Sydenham Centre

Saturday 19th March

- Easter Eggstravaganza at Sydenham Community Library from 11 - 3 with the Easter bunny

Sunday 20th March and Saturday 16th April

Sydenham Garden Community Volunteering at De Frene allotment site from 10.30 - 2.30pm including lunch

9th - 17th April

Sydenham Arts Festival of Music. Numerous events are planned. Visit www.sydenhamarts.co.uk for full details

Sunday 24th April

Library Clean Up day from 10 - 3pm with refreshments provided

Saturday 7th May

Sydenham Garden Spring Fair from 11-3pm at 28a Wynell Rd, SE23 2LW, £1 to enter

Movies for over-50s

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

Sydenham Assembly Fund: How the money has been spent

At the last assembly meeting, Sydenham residents voted through a series of projects that will improve the ward. With a £12,500 pot, there are funds available to address some of the key priorities in the area. This year the Sydenham Assembly has funded the following projects:

- Friends of Sydenham Community Library. **Music and rhyme** for under fives - £875
- The Next Generation **Intergenerational Film Club** at the TNG - £1,500
- SEE3 Sydenham **events and entertainment** - £2,500
- Sydenham Arts: Sydenham becomes a **Poetry Town** - £2,200
- Action on Hearing Loss: Sydenham **Hearing Aid Support Service** - £1,200
- Sydenham Community Library: Sydenham Library's **Community Crafts** - £1,670
- Friends of Sydenham Community Library: Develop the **library cafe** - £1,740
- Greener Homecroft Project Group: **Greener Homecroft Project** - £600

Post office plans



The Post Office has informed us that our local Sydenham branch has been identified for possible franchising, as part of proposals to franchise 39 sites.

This has caused concern amongst members of the community.

We are managing this by working closely with the Post Office who have said that in the event of finding a suitable franchise partner any changes to Sydenham's Post Office will be subject to a full public consultation.

Greyhound latest



It is a pleasure to report that significant progress has been made on the redevelopment of the Greyhound public house. Marketing of the pub and vacant unit is now taking place with Sainsburys opening soon.