



Lewisham

Sydenham

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Make a difference!

**TAKE OUR SURVEY AND HELP MAKE SYDENHAM AN
EVEN BETTER PLACE TO LIVE, WORK AND LEARN!**

Sydenham Assembly wants to know your views on the best ways to make Sydenham even better. The survey will take you about 5 minutes. We do not ask for any personal information and all answers are confidential. Go to www.lewisham.gov.uk/getinvolved/localassemblies/sydenhamassembly to have your say. Results from this online survey will be published at the Assembly meeting. We will discuss the results at round table topic conversations as YOU are vital in shaping our plans to agree practical steps to improve Sydenham. The table topics will include the high street, parks, youth activities, neighbourliness/caring for older people, planning, transport/parking, housing, flytipping/posting, crime, the arts and other issues from the survey. We will allocate people to lead each topic and ask for note - takers on each table, with feedback at the end of the session.



Market Shopping Arts healthy love Strong Buzz News wellbeing talk
Sydenham Assembly
happy vibrant Links learn green
Together Community Bright

ASSEMBLY MEETING INFORMATION

The Assembly is an open community meeting that takes place four times a year. Anyone who lives, works or learns in Sydenham is invited to attend. Help shape our future!

Sydenham's Priorities are

1. Clean and Green
2. Crime and Anti-social Behaviour
3. Health & Wellbeing
4. Vibrant High Street
5. Bringing the Community Together – Intergenerational and Intercultural

Next meeting

**Tuesday 7th March
7pm - 9pm**

**The Sydenham Centre
44a Sydenham Road
SE26 5QF**

Buses 75, 202, 194, 450

Take note of Future Assembly meetings

- Saturday 10 June
- Tuesday 5 September
- Saturday 2 December

YOUR COUNCILLORS INFORMATION

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Where did the £12,500 funding go to...

Sydenham Arts – ‘Sydenham Lens’ Awarded £1000

An eclectic mix of workshops, screenings, exhibitions, woodland walks and competitions. Photography is the perfect artform to bring out the best in our community: a final exhibition entitled ‘My Photo, Our Sydenham’ will depict the town through the eyes of the people who know it best; its residents!

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Jimmy Asher – Fighting Fit Awarded £1200

Teaching fitness and healthy lifestyles to young people who may be at risk of crime or anti-social behaviour, through boxing techniques.

Single Homeless Project Awarded £1200

Transforming the basement and disused space at Farnborough House to create a welcoming environment that promotes wellbeing and recovery through constructive leisure and learning opportunities.

Sydenham Garden – A new Front Entrance Awarded £1300

Volunteering project that brings local people together in social, therapeutic and creative sessions; funding will help create a new welcoming front garden and entrance to the Resource Centre.



SEE3 - Portas Pilot Awarded £2000

Series of high street-based events for the whole

community, focussing on Christmas, Easter and Halloween, helping to promote a vibrant high street.

Friends of Sydenham Library – Adults Crafts and Rhyme Time for Under-Fives Adult crafts Awarded £1800 Under 5's Awarded £411

Accessible craft sessions led by an expert tutor, for people of different ages, ethnicities, interests and abilities, building confidence and social networks through an enjoyable activity. Rhyme time: weekly singing, rhyme and activities sessions for under-fives and their carers, supporting literacy and motor skills, making new friends and being introduced to the library as a welcoming space.

Carers Lewisham – Young carers girls Club Awarded £2000

Providing young girl carers with a break from their caring role and the opportunity to meet new friends, develop confidence and self-awareness, learn new things and have fun.

Sydenham Assembly Christmas 2017 Awarded £389

A contribution towards the Christmas tree and lights for 2017.

Action on Hearing Loss – Hear to Help Awarded £1200

Improving the information offer at drop-in clinics so people with hearing loss can take more control, reduce their isolation and get more support with their everyday life.



The Sydenham Centre

Arts and leisure hub at the heart of Sydenham

Refurbishments at the Sydenham Centre are progressing well, with the studio finished and hosting lots of exciting dance and exercise classes (see below). The main hall is looking great and is available for hire for meetings and events. We're working with Community Payback to get the entrance hall spruced up, and hope to have a brand new professional standard Audio-visual system and sound-baffling drapes fitted by the Spring. Sydenham Arts will be moving in shortly, leaving the centre with just one more office space to let. To hire the hall, or for office space enquiries, please contact hallsforhire@lewisham.gov.uk.

New brewery ignites Sydenham!

Nick O'Shea, founder of *Ignition Brewery* explains: Ignition Brewery is the newest, most exciting addition to the Sydenham Centre. A micro-brewery making great beers for South East London residents. What makes us distinct is that we train and employ people who have learning disabilities to brew beer. We have a range of three – a porter, ale and IPA; all winning drinks that warrant a second! We are really happy to have moved into the Sydenham Centre and have been made very welcome.

A range of events for people with learning disabilities is planned over the spring and summer, including:

- Brewing for beginners
- Beer bottling
- How to taste beers and understand the flavours.

More details from: www.ignition.beer



Excercise and dance

Yoga Classes

Wednesday 7.30 – 9pm
with Cathy Tincknell
cathytincknellyoga.jimdo.com

Thursday 1.00 – 2.00pm
with Dorothy Richard-Evans
020 8699 6335 or 07866 449614

Saturday 11am – 12.15pm
with Charlotte Taylor
facebook.com/charlottetayloroga

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Sundays 11.30am – 12.30pm
with Charlotte Taylor
facebook.com/charlottetayloroga

Pilates Classes

Monday 10.00 – 11am
11:15am – 12:15pm
Kirsty Mathieson
6:30 – 7:30pm

7.45 – 8.45pm

Wednesday 9.30 – 10.30am

Thursday 6.30 – 7.30pm
7.45 – 8.45pm

Friday 9.30 – 10.30am

Saturday 8.30 - 9.30am
9.45 – 10.45

Sundays 9.00 – 10.00am
10.15 – 11.00

All classes with Adam Murdy
www.adammurby.com

'Real Latin' Salsa Classes

Tuesday 7.30 – 9.30 pm
with Yamile
facebook.com/xxoobb

Sydenham School of Performing Arts

Monday 4.00 – 6.45pm
Saturday 9.30am – 12pm
Yvette Young 07535 423 849



Diary Dates

March 8th Stage and screenwriting workshops

A course of 18 fortnightly sessions over 3 terms. Suitable for aspiring scriptwriters of all levels of experience. Over 16s only. Activity Room, Sydenham Centre. **7.30-9.30pm every other Wednesday** £12 a session.

April 4 The AGM of the Sydenham Society will take place at **7pm** at The Livesey Hall, 225 Perry Hill, SE6 4HD. This will be followed by a talk at 8pm by Steve Grindlay on the history of the Bell Green gasworks plus a discussion about the latest plans for further retail on the site. All welcome!

Tuesdays Rhyme time for under fives with Alison **10.30 - 11am** Singing and activities for carers and children. 50p admin charge, Sydenham Library.

Thursdays with Cat and her guitar 11.45 - 12.15. Special Library price £1.50 babies, £2.50 toddlers

Thursdays New adults' crafts with Clementsia, 1- 3. All materials provided. Learn new skills, make attractive presents. term time only. Sydenham Library.

NEWS IN BRIEF

• Council Tax Increase

We are assuming a 4.99% increase in Band D Council Tax for Lewisham's services for 2017/18. This includes the 3% increase for Social Care provided in Central Government funding. 2017/18 net revenue budget is just under £233million with savings of just over £22m agreed with a further £32m needed over the following two years to meet the balanced budget set by Central Government.

Garden waste collections from your kerbside!

Sign up now for collections from 1 April 2017 - £60 on the Lewisham web site and a brown wheelie bin will be delivered to your property and then your garden waste will be collected every week for a year.

• Changes to refuse arrangements

Over the coming months there will be changes to the kerbside collections with the introduction of weekly food waste, continuation of weekly recycling and moving to fortnightly collection for residual waste. Look out for the communications from Lewisham explaining how this will work and who will be effected by the changes.

• Housing Crisis

Work continues on looking at Lewisham owned land to see where more affordable homes could be provided. One scheme that is developing is the garage site at Brasted Close. London Community Land Trust and Lewisham Citizens have been in continuous dialogue with the local community since the beginning of the Brasted Close project including discussion with St Bartholomew's Primary School.

Lewisham Homes are also consulting residents on the Hillcrest Estate to look at redesigning some areas to provide more affordable homes. This includes using the single storey "clubhouse" that was available for residents to hire for events.

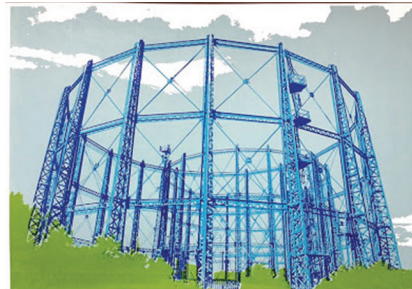
• Don't Miss the Easter Bonnet Parade

Start making your Easter Bonnets for our high street parade on Saturday 15 April. Look out for details of the workshop and timing of the parade.

Gasholders threatened

Plans will soon be lodged with Lewisham Council for an Aldi supermarket at Bell Green. Building this would necessitate the demolition of the blue cast iron gasholders. Many residents feel the iconic gas holders should be

protected and celebrated, not demolished. A campaign has been launched by residents in Perry Vale. If you would like to find out more or get involved in the campaign email saferperryvale@gmail.com or find us on facebook at save bell green gasholders.



Natasha Barton; natashabartonprints.blogspot.co.uk

Sydenham Arts Lens 2017

23 February – 5 March

Lens, our venture into the world of photography. A collaboration with local residents, artists, students, schools and businesses, we have put together an eclectic mix of workshops, screenings, exhibitions, woodland walks and competitions. An immensely versatile and increasingly popular medium, photography is the perfect art form to bring out the best in our community, creating a visual snapshot of Sydenham here and now.

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Greyhound Pub to re-open

At long last, we can look ahead with confidence to the Greyhound pub being open for business by the end of the summer. The new owner – who runs successful pubs which sell food in Dartford, Tunbridge Wells and Camden – has applied for a pub and restaurant licence plus an entertainment licence. If this is approved by Lewisham Council Licensing Committee in the next few weeks, work can then start on the six-month job of fitting out the interior and building a conservatory on the western side of the pub (overlooking the Cobbs Corner roundabout).

The premises to the east of the site (on the ground floor of the residential block closest to the railway bridge) have been acquired by the estate agents chain Kinleigh, Folkard and Hayward.

