



Lewisham

Sydenham

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SYDENHAM WARD ASSEMBLY NEWSLETTER

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!

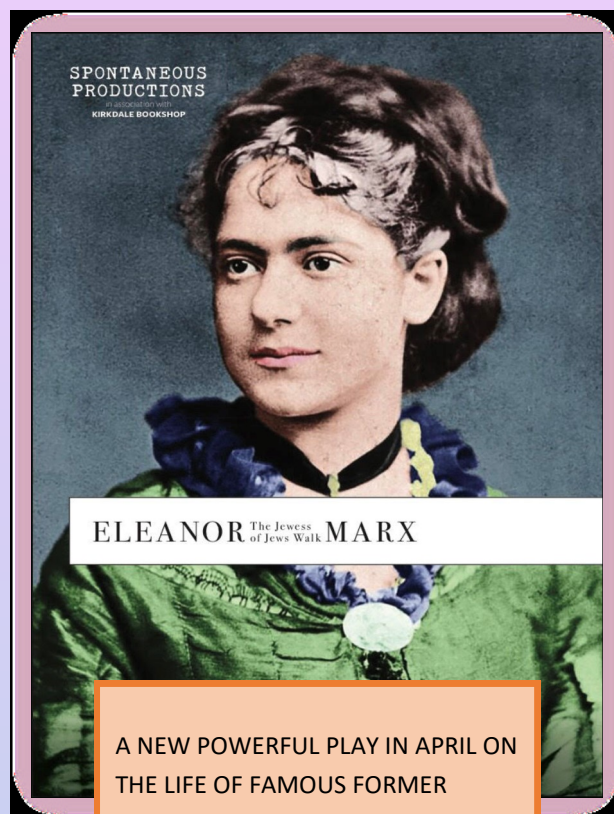
Next Sydenham Assembly:
7–9 pm Weds 14th March 2018
The Sydenham Centre
44A Sydenham Road SE26 5QX

Chair: Councillor Liam Curran

MAKE SYDENHAM A FUN PALACE!

We will soon learn whether Lewisham has won its bid to win 'London Borough of Culture', an award made by the Mayor of London. Win or lose, the enthusiasm for the bid by many of Sydenham's local arts and community groups shows that we can do it ourselves. We can sow the seeds for our very own Sydenham Year of Culture by creating a Sydenham "Fun Palace".

A Fun Palace weekend is where local people share their own passions and skills for art, culture and science with other local people. Any Sydenham residents of any age can take part to share or learn about arts, crafts, science, tech, digital, heritage and sports activities. This is an opportunity to share your passion as part of a grass-roots-led transformation of our community, with active participation for all ages. Please come along and find out more at the Assembly. To get an idea of what a Fun Palace could be like visit: www.funpalaces.co.uk



ELEANOR The Jewess of Jews Walk MARX

A NEW POWERFUL PLAY IN APRIL ON
THE LIFE OF FAMOUS FORMER
SYDENHAM RESIDENT ELEANOR
MARX (SEE INSIDE FOR DETAILS)



SHARE YOUR KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERTISE AT THE FUN PALACE!

...if you have a particular skill or passion that you are willing to share. It could be anything: painting, football-skills, piano, cookery, computer-coding, wine-tasting, bike-repairs, acrobatics etc. Or would you like to volunteer to help organize the Fun Palace? Please get in touch asap with: laura.luckhurst@lewisham.gov.uk or call 020 8314 3830.

GOOD NEWS! HEAR IT THROUGH THE GREAT NINE...



At the December meeting the Sydenham Assembly awarded funding to 9 fantastic projects run by local charities and community groups. Below is a little taster of what they do. For more information please contact the organisations direct.

1 Rhyme time for Under 5's £1,410

Low-cost inclusive sessions for young children that benefit children's language development and social skills and help parents meet others and overcome isolation (based Sydenham Library).

2 Children's Crafts £380

Free craft sessions for children 6 years and up and their parents. The sessions offer children a break from pressures of the school curriculum and electronic games (based Sydenham Library).

3 Adults Crafts £740

Low cost sessions offering therapeutic benefits to older people and those with mental health needs. Helps combat isolation and to learn a new skill (based Sydenham Library).

For details on all the above, email: libraries@lewisham.gov.uk

4 TNG Youth Club: Intergenerational Over 50s Film Project £1,370

This growing successful project now has a wider range of films and is recruiting new younger volunteers and has four intergenerational sessions throughout the year. www.youthfirst.org.uk

5 The Greener Homecroft Project: Growing Greener £600

To boost and maintain original street-greening project with four more planters and involve more residents to bring neighbours together.

6 SEE3: High Street Happenings £2,000

To provide entertainment/activities for Sydenham Road - including Easter, Halloween and the Christmas tree and lights at Queensthorpe Square as a focal point for the high street.

7 Spontaneous Productions: Eleanor Marx Community Play £2,000

To stage a new play based on the life of famous former Sydenham resident, a union activist, feminist, actor and translator of her father Karl's writings. www.spontaneousproductions.co.uk

8 Voluntary Services Lewisham: Christmas Project £2,000

900 people supported in project that provides hampers, children's toys/vouchers for teenagers, for families on low incomes and lunches for older and vulnerable people.

9 Carers Lewisham: Carers keep well £1,830

A programme to provide unpaid carers with resources to build their resilience, well-being and build confidence to cope with life stresses, challenges & fears. www.carerslewisham.org.uk

For information about the Sydenham Assembly please email laura.luckhurst@lewisham.gov.uk



VOLUNTEERS WANTED FOR SYDENHAM LIBRARY

Sydenham Community Library needs more volunteers, to help it stay open. They are looking for people for a minimum of two hours a week on Tuesdays Thursdays or Saturdays. Training and support given. They are also very happy to have Duke of Edinburgh Award students volunteering. Please contact the library on 020 8778 1753 or email them at sydenhamcommunitylibrary@gmail.com or call in for an application form. **Picture left: Good Gym members volunteering**

Girton Road Car Park

Lewisham Council is looking at solutions to keeping Girton Road car park free for shoppers while preventing all-day commuter parking and car-dumping. Discussions with LIDL may provide shoppers and residents with 2 hours free parking in a well-maintained car park, with a standard charge of £1.40 per hour thereafter, in line with other council car parks. Parking proceeds would pay for monitoring that will prevent the car dumping that has made the area an eyesore in recent times.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN SYDENHAM

WILLOW WEAVING WORKSHOP

17th MARCH 12.30 – 4.00 pm
SYDENHAM GARDEN

Learn the ancient craft of Willow Weaving with experts helping you design & build your own construction. £10 entrance fee. To book call 020 8291 1650. Sydenham Garden is a well-being centre utilising its gardens, nature reserve and activity rooms to help people in their recovery from mental and physical ill-health.

CRAFTS AND EXERCISE AT SYDENHAM LIBRARY

Crafts Programme Thursday afternoons from 1.00 to 3.00 pm. £1 per session
Funded by Bellingham and Sydenham Assemblies.

Monthly Children's Saturday Crafts

(starting April) 10.45 - 1.15. Suitable for all ages, children under 5 must be accompanied by an adult. £1 charge for materials.

Seated exercise programme

Tuesdays 11.00 am to 12 noon. £1 per session.

Call 020 8778 1753 for details

(Library is closed Weds and Fri).

FANTASTIC EASTER BONNET PARADE & EASTER EGG HUNT SAT MARCH 31ST!

Sydenham's Easter Bonnet Parade from Here for Good, 17 Sydenham Road to Sydenham Centre where judging and prize-giving takes place. Bonnet-making craft session at 17 Sydenham Road plus Easter Egg Hunt! Details from www.see3.co.uk

ELEANOR MARX: THE JEWESS OF JEWS WALK

18th April – 12th May

at The Sydenham Centre

Lucy Kaufman's powerful new drama will run for 16 performances from upstairs at the Sydenham Centre, box office open now.

For more details visit:

www.spontaneousproductions.co.uk

KIRKDALE WEEKENDER 8/9/10 JUNE

24 hours of rare soul and funk played over two venues the Sugahill Café and The Bricklayers Arms. Free entry and all are welcome. Look out for further information on local forums, posters in the area, twitter @Sugahill_Cafe and United Sound of Sydenham Facebook page
www.facebook.com/stormwarningbrick

SYDENHAM ARTS FESTIVAL

The fabulous Sydenham Arts Festival will take place again this year, from 27th June till 8th July. The Artists Trail will take place on the weekends of 30th June to 1st July, and 7th to 8th July. Visit www.sydenhamarts.co.uk for details.

Sydenham Arts.

GALLOPING GREYHOUND NEWS!

The Greyhound
Pub at Cobbs
Corner went
from this →
To this !↓



Photo above: Bek @drinkmoreGin

THE GREYHOUND IS BACK AFTER 10 YEARS!

Cllr Liam Curran writes: The Greyhound Pub has finally reopened after a decade-long campaign by the Sydenham Society, your local councillors and many, many others in the community.

The pub was closed in 2007 and faced demolition for flats but was saved by being included in a conservation area. Then it was demolished illegally in 2012 so Lewisham Council prosecuted the former owners who were then forced by the courts to rebuild the historic landmark.

It does seem that despite views to the contrary, pubs can still be profitable and contribute to the life and vibrancy of our high streets.

The new owners re-opened the pub in February and it was packed on opening night. For information about drinks, food and events at the pub go to www.thegreyhoundsydenham.co.uk

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THE NEXT MEETING on the agenda

- The Sydenham Fun Palace - a weekend of arts, activities and knowledge created by the people of Sydenham
- Neighbourhood Community Development Partnerships
- Bakerloo Line resolution - we are asking the Assembly to call upon TfL to bring the Bakerloo Line to Lower Sydenham and on to Hayes
- Community updates including your High Street, the Safer Neighbourhood Team and others

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