Winter 2015

Sydenham



Your local assembly, your say

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

Next meeting Sydenham Community Library Saturday 5 December 2–3.45pm followed by entertainment We will be voting to allocate the £12,500 Sydenham Assembly fund to community projects, as well as catching up on local issues. After the Assembly we will have a free Christmas family show with Sydenham Arts presenting The Pirate Christmas Adventure (more detail on page 2). As with last year we will then step outside to light up the Christmas tree and hope you will join in singing carols.

Greyhound update

After several false starts earlier this year, The Greyhound pub is at long last nearing completion and has emerged from behind the derelict hoardings which have surrounded and blighted the Cobbs Corner site for over two years.

There have been a number of delays over the summer and into the autumn. These include the underpinning of the entire front wall of the building as well as sourcing good quality roof slates.

With the paving to the piazza and planting of the six silver birch trees this landmark is now standing proud as the gateway to Sydenham.



Your local councillors

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At last the wait is over, on 15th September - one year, one month and one day after Lewisham first began the work to replace the old public lavatory in Station Approach - very quietly and with no fanfare, the new all singing, all dancing, self-cleaning toilet opened.



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Zombie Invasion on Sydenham High Street

Over 500 ghosties, ghouls and pumpkin joined the zombies for the annual Halloween Trail on 31 October. Lured by the tempting treats offered by local traders before descending upon the Sydenham Centre to parade their costumes. Thanks to all who took part in the costume competition. Prizes for the best costumes were presented by Jason on behalf of the Co-op. Cllr Chris Best presented the winning medals donated by Classic Trophies.

Pantomime

5 December at 4.30pm is Simply Smiley Production's A Pirate Christmas Adventure, a brand new show for Sydenham Arts. Join them as Admiral Fish and Chips and his parrot are plotting to steal Christmas! They want to spoil the festive season for everyone, so jump on board this fun filled adventure and help foil their pirate plans! Laugh out loud, slapstick comedy at it's best! Suitable for ages 2–12yrs.

Thank you to our sponsor Property World and to the Bellingham Assembly Fund.

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Sydenham Arts presents local jazz singer Harriet Eaves

for an evening of seductive sounds

The Dolphin 8 December, 8pm



Book a Christmas market stall for Saturday 12 December. £35 ready to trade £25 bring your own. Contact Lewisham markets for more details Tel: 020 8314 2050 Email: markets@lewisham.gov.uk EAT DRINK & BE MERRY Sydenham Christmas market and extravaganza!

Saturday 12 December 11am-5pm Venner & Queensthorpe Squares, Sydenham Centre and High Street

11am Christmas market starts. Hot food and craft stalls offering unique Christmas gifts. Peter Caesar plays keyboards at Venner Square plus Gems Performing Arts and other activities.

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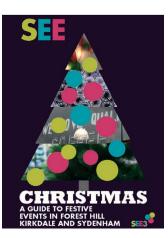
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3pm Tea Party at The Sydenham Centre with entertainment.

5pm Christmas carols with local choirs and lighting up of the Christmas Tree at Queensthorpe Square with Father Christmas and his reindeer!

All events are free! SEE3.co.uk

Celebrate Christmas in Sydenham



Pick up a copy of the SEE3 2015 Christmas Calendar in local shops, pubs, cafes and restaurants – the essential guide to over 100 Christmas events in the local area.

Films that are showing at the TNG

Friday Matinee for people 25+ from 1.30-3.30pm
27 November
4 December
11 December
18 December
Best Exotic Marigold Hotel 2
The Hunt for Red October
Morning
Detective Story

Sydenham Studio Flowers For every Christmas Tree sold we will donate £1 to St Christopher's Hospice

Diary dates for December

Thursday 3 • 7.30pm From Bacharach to The Beatles Concert

With Mary Carewe and Graham Bickley Tickets £10 including wine and canapés. St Christopher's Hospice, 51-59 Lawrie Park Road, SE26 6DZ stchristophers.org.uk

Saturday 5 • 11am–3pm Christmas Fair

Sydenham Garden, 28a Wynell Road, SE23 2LW Christmas stalls, homemade produce, plants, Children's activities. £1 entry, 50p concessions. sydenhamgarden.org.uk

Saturday 5 • 11am-3pm Christmas Festival

St Christopher's Hospice, 51-59 Lawrie Park Road, SE26 6DZ Enjoy a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie to put you in the festive mood as you browse lots of great stalls. Activities for children include a visit from Father Christmas. Entrance £1, children free.

Saturday 5 • 7.30pm Christmas Concert with the Spiral Sax Quartet

St. Bartholomew's Church, Westwood Hill, SE26 6QR An evening of festive musical fun. Bar, refreshments and a raffle. Tickets: adults (all) £8; under-16s £5 incrediblesaxband.org.uk

Sunday 6 • 11am-11pm Sunday Social Record Fair

Sugahilll Cafe, 254 Kirkdale, SE26 4NL Now fully licensed with DJs playing funk, jazz, soul, reggae. 020 8659 5828

Monday 7 • 6.45pm Peter Pan Pantomime

Westwood Theatre, Sydenham High School Senior, 19 Westwood Hill, SE26 6BL Children from Gems Musical Theatre Company perform. gemsperformingarts.com

Saturday 12 • 10am-5.30pm The Sydenham Pop Up Shop – Christmas Fair

Here for Good, 17 Sydenham Road, SE26 5EX Local artists selling a wonderful range of unique products including ceramics, textiles, cosmetics, artwork, Christmas decorations and more. thesydenhampopupshop.co.uk



Saturday 12 • 11am-4pm Christmas stalls and Santa's Grotto

Sydenham Community Library, 210 Sydenham Road, SE26 5SE Santa will be visiting the library – £3 or less per child, receive a small present and tell him your wishes. 020 8778 1753

Saturday 12 • 4-5pm Dog Fancy DressCompetition with prizes

Dog hamper for winner and runner up. Whites Pet Centre, 80 Sydenham Road, SE26 5JX

Thursday 17 • 7.30pm Sydenham Film Club Quiz & "Britain on Film" screening

Golden Lion Pub, 116 Sydenham Road, SE26 5JX Festive quiz with three short films of south east London interest. sydenhamfilmclub.org