



Lewisham

# Sydenham

Autumn  
2019

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**SPECIAL  
EDITION**

## FUN PALACE

**Please join us at the 2nd annual Fun Palace taking place on Saturday and Sunday October 5th & 6th.**

**P**lease join us on the weekend of the 5th and 6th October, for Sydenham's second annual Fun Palace. It is a truly amazing event and it's completely free! The Fun Palace is about the community bringing their passions and skills to share with others, at no cost, creating a fun-filled weekend for the whole family where you can meet new people and learn new skills.

For further information about specific activities that will be on offer plus times and locations please take a look at our guide inside this newsletter. The guide will give you an idea of what to expect but will by no means be a complete programme as we will continue to work on the options on offer until the last minute. Activities we already have vary from baking to police crime scenes and from photography to making slime! There is no need to book, just turn up!

If you have a hobby, passion, skill or idea you'd like to share to add to the already stellar line up contact Laura on 020 8314 3830.

The fun palace is fully inclusive with no age limits. Here are pictures from last year's fun!



### Sydenham Assembly

Although there will be no 'formal' assembly meeting we will have a stall outside the Sydenham Centre during the Fun Palace from 12 – 4 pm on Saturday 5 October (or inside if it's raining!). We will have lots of information on everything Sydenham. Councillors will circulate around the Fun Palace throughout the afternoon, for informal chats about whatever is on your mind.

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If you have any questions about Sydenham assembly email [laura.luckhurst@lewisham.gov.uk](mailto:laura.luckhurst@lewisham.gov.uk)

## Next meeting Saturday 7th December

**The Sydenham Library**  
**210 Sydenham Road SE26 5SE**

Buses 202, 450, 194



Sydenham Assembly will no longer have disposable cups but will give out re-usable ones free until the end of the year. These will be available at the Fun Palace.

## The Festival of Creative ageing

From 13 September to 6 October Lewisham will become a hive of creative activity for the borough's first ever Festival of Creative Ageing, nicknamed *Age Against the Machine*. Celebrating the impact of the arts as we age, the festival will showcase and support the talents of older people and the life-enhancing benefits of creativity. The festival will run across the borough in theatres and a variety of public spaces. For details grab a programme, they are available in libraries and community venues or on [www.age-againstthemachine.org.uk](http://www.age-againstthemachine.org.uk)

## The NCIL

Improve your local area through the neighbourhood community infrastructure levy (NCIL) funding. NCIL is a funding programme designed to help communities support the development of their local areas. The council can spend NCIL funding on new or improved infrastructure, or anything else that addresses the demands that development places on an area, such as

- Community facilities
- Parks and open spaces
- Transport improvements

Submit your ideas and priorities for how you think NCIL funding should be spent at your local assembly meeting on 7 December or by visiting [www.sydenhamwardassembly.commonplace.is/](http://www.sydenhamwardassembly.commonplace.is/) or find out more at [www.lewisham.gov.uk/ncil](http://www.lewisham.gov.uk/ncil)

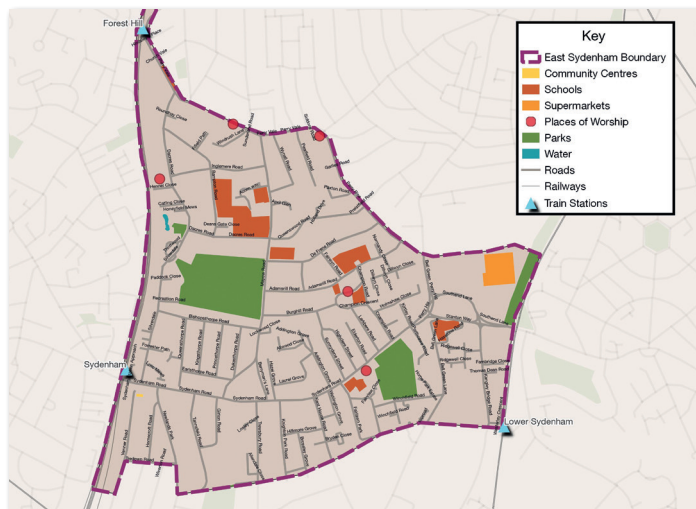


## Healthy Neighbourhood

The Healthy Neighbourhood programme aims to make Lewisham's diverse communities greener, healthier and a more attractive place to live, work, play and study. By restricting traffic that presently uses residential streets to avoid main roads it will reduce congestion in your neighbourhood, improve air quality and make the local area more pleasant to walk and cycle through.

The programme will start in 'East Sydenham', the area between Forest Hill, Sydenham and Lower Sydenham stations, and includes the Bell Green retail park (Sainsburys). (See the map below).

In the first stage of the programme, residents will be able to access local traffic data to share their views on traffic issues. They will be able to help in identifying schemes to address them, on [www.streetbuilder.io/eastsydenham/site/faq](http://www.streetbuilder.io/eastsydenham/site/faq) and at a series of public events and workshops. The second stage will see trials of proposed traffic management measures for a period from 6 to 18 months, so that we can monitor their impact, gather local opinion and



assess whether to make any changes permanent.

You can get involved at the Co-design workshops **Tuesday 17 September, 4.00pm to 7.00pm, and Saturday 21 September from 1.30pm to 4.30pm.** Both events are at Sydenham Community Library, 210 Sydenham Rd, SE26 5SE

## Bell Green Masterplan

The Bell Green retail park has been identified by Lewisham Council as a site for future housing development. Opportunities to improve the area include better public transport, trees and landscape improvements, repair and refurbishment of historic

buildings and identifying new sites for housing. For more information please email [chair@sydenhamso-ciety.com](mailto:chair@sydenhamso-ciety.com) or go to [www.sydenhamsociety.com](http://www.sydenhamsociety.com).

## New Neighbourhood Forum for Sydenham Hill?

Lewisham Council is consulting with Southwark Council on an application to designate the Sydenham Hill Ridge as a neighbourhood area and forum.

A statutory 6 week public consultation will run from the **5 September – 31 October 2019** and you are invited to share your views on the application. The applications can be viewed at [lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/planning/policy/ldf/neighbourhood-plans](http://lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/planning/policy/ldf/neighbourhood-plans). Hard copies are available from the following libraries: Catford Library, at the Planning Resource Centre, Laurence House, 1 Catford Road, SE6 4RU or at Forest Hill Library, Dartmouth Road, Forest Hill, SE23 3HZ.

Submit your comments via the questionnaire on the consultation portal at [www.consultation.lewisham.gov.uk/planning/sydenham-hill-ridge](http://www.consultation.lewisham.gov.uk/planning/sydenham-hill-ridge), via mail to **Strategic Planning, 2nd Floor Civic Suite, Catford SE6 4RX** or via e-mail to [planning.policy@lewisham.gov.uk](mailto:planning.policy@lewisham.gov.uk)

If the organisations are successful in their forum and area application no other organisation or body may be designated in that area until the designation expires or is withdrawn.

## Christmas Lights



Sydenham Community Project has been working hard to make our first purchase of new Christmas lights a reality for December 2019. The goal is for the community to donate £5 per household. You can do this at [www.gofundme.com/f/sydenham-high-street-christmas-lights](http://www.gofundme.com/f/sydenham-high-street-christmas-lights). We have also applied for Lottery Community Fund. We hope to purchase display lights along with having some outlets installed on the lamp posts. We hope to extend the stretch of Christmas lights to include Cobbs Corner and a little past Mayow road. Each year we would continue our efforts until we are all satisfied.

High street traders are being asked to not only support this initiative but also give what they can to make this a reality. Special thanks to The Poodle Club.



**Please come to the community comedy gala fundraiser at The Poodle Club featuring Ada Campe and Ben Norris. All proceeds go to making the high street festive & fabulous! 2 October at 7pm. Early bird tickets available at [www.poodleclub.co.uk](http://www.poodleclub.co.uk) for £15 for a limited time (otherwise £20).**

## Sydenham Arts Programme

Our Autumn programme is available at [www.sydenhamarts.co.uk/whats-on](http://www.sydenhamarts.co.uk/whats-on). We open with our #Sixty programming with a short film screening, part of the *Age Against the Machine Festival*, on Creative Ageing; a performance by Seniors in Forest Hill and Film Club presentation of the Oscar nominated film *Can you ever forgive me*. Platform events to include Spoken Word with Dean Atta and Jeremiah Sugar J Brown. Join us for a Chamber concert on 12 October at St Barts with en-SEmble26. Be spooked at a screening of *Zombieland* for Halloween and a screening of *Groundhog Day* on 28 November. Nominated mercury prize winner, Michele Stodart, will be performing at St Barts on 16 November. Finally, we will hold a Christmas family screening of *Home Alone* on 12 December.

### We really need your help!

Thank you to all of you who have already donated to us, we are very grateful. We have nearly reached a third of our target of £15,000 for the year. This is to plug the gap left by losing our core funding by Lewisham main grants. As a registered charity (no. 1161590) we can claim Gift Aid on donations. This means a monthly donation of £6 would actually provide us with £7.50 a month towards our running costs. If you are thinking of supporting us, please do so now at [sydenhamarts.co.uk/donate](http://sydenhamarts.co.uk/donate). Small donations of between £5 and £20 a month will help to keep us alive and running.

## Spontaneous Productions

### Writing workshops

ScriptHub Beginners – fortnightly Tue 10 Sept 2019 – Tue 10 Dec 2019. New members are very welcome, and no prior experience is necessary.

ScriptHub Intermediate – fortnightly Tue 3 Sept – Tue 3 Dec.

Production of **Pinocchio at Sydenham Centre 14 September to 20 October**, Every Saturday and Sunday except the 5th & 6th. Shows are 2 and 4pm each day, are about 1 hour and are suitable for all ages. Tickets are £10 for adults, £6 for children, under 3s are free but need to sit on your lap. You can buy tickets at Kirkdale Bookshop 020 8778 4701 or book online at [spontaneousproductions.co.uk](http://spontaneousproductions.co.uk).

## Montage Art

Montage theatre has a joyful pre-school class for ages 2-4 years combining movement, dance and storytelling. A fun and safe environment that nurtures and encourages essential skills: creativity, confidence, imagination, co-ordination and vocal development. Book sessions at [www.montage theatre.com](http://www.montage theatre.com).

## Halloween

### Friday 31 October

Halloween High Street annual trick-or-treat event starts at 4pm for a parade of ghosts and goblins. Fancy dress competition at the Sydenham Centre from 5pm with prizes for under 7s, over 7s and best home-made costume.



**Tuesday 17 September 12 – 1pm Cuppa with a Copper**, Meet local police and discuss any issues or concerns at Sydenham Library

**Wednesday 25 September, 3 – 4 pm Street Briefing** St Philip Neri School, Home Park entrance

**Friday 20 September 8.15 pm Poodle Club** Join Tiernan Douieb, whose clever political musings have made him one of Britain's most popular comedians. **Tickets £10 online or £15 at the door.** Details and bookings at [www.poodleclub.co.uk](http://www.poodleclub.co.uk)

**Friday 27 September 3pm FREE Film Screening of South London Stories** A film about South London based on memories of older local residents. Anniversary Centre, St Christopher's Hospice, 51-59 Lawrie Park Road, London, SE26 6DZ Booking not required

**Wednesday 2 October 7pm Poodle Club Comedy Gala featuring Ada Campe, Ben Norris** This is a community fundraising event where all proceeds will go to improving the Christmas lights on the high street. **£15 early bird tickets now available at [www.poodleclub.co.uk](http://www.poodleclub.co.uk) (£20 at door)**

**Thursday 3 October 7.30pm The FB Pocket Orchestra** part of the Dame Cicely Saunders series. Tickets £12 including refreshments. St Christopher's Hospice, Book online at: [www.stchristophers.org.uk](http://www.stchristophers.org.uk)

**Saturday 5 October & Sunday 6 October noon – 6pm Sydenham Centre and TNG** Join us for a Fun-filled weekend for the whole family **FREE** For more information visit [www.funpalaces.co.uk/sydenham](http://www.funpalaces.co.uk/sydenham)

**Saturday 5 October 10 – 11am Community Clean-up** Wear suitable clothing (and heavy duty gloves) and meet outside the Sydenham Centre. We will be tackling fly-posting and stickering to give the high street a face lift for the autumn.

**Friday 25 October SEE3 Christmas Calendar deadline** If you would like to list any events, fairs, Christmas offers to be included in the SEE3 Christmas Calendar (delivered door to door) these should be sent to: [CLLR\\_Chris.Best@lewisham.gov.uk](mailto:CLLR_Chris.Best@lewisham.gov.uk)



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## FUN PALACES

### Mayoress to open Sydenham Fun Palace

We are thrilled to welcome Lewisham's Mayoress Barbara Gray, to officially open the Sydenham Fun Palace at noon on the 5th October at the Sydenham Centre. She will be joined by Deputy Mayor, Cllr Chris Best. Speaking about the Fun Palace, the Mayoress said "I am delighted to



support the Sydenham Fun Palace, where the community comes together to share skills, passions and interests in the arts, sciences and everything in between. Lewisham is at its best when it celebrates its diversity and everyone is able to thrive. Fun Palaces include and value everyone's contribution, and work on the basis that everyone is an artist, everyone a scientist. I hope everyone in Sydenham will get involved and make the weekend of 5 and 6 October a celebration of learning, sharing and having fun together as a community."

There will be lots of different activities going on at both centres, while some activities will be taking place simultaneously. Just turn up and choose which activity you would like to partake in! Take a look at some of the activities on offer so that you may best plan your day and not miss out!

For updates and up to the minute information follow us on Twitter @SydFunPalace or go to [funpalaces.co.uk/discover/sydenham-fun-palace/](http://funpalaces.co.uk/discover/sydenham-fun-palace/)

### Programme

Join us for a weekend of free fun and participate in arts and science activities. The event takes place Saturday and Sunday at Sydenham Centre and Saturday at TNG Youth Centre from 12-4pm. There will be simultaneous activities taking place around both sites. Make sure to bring your camera or smartphone and take part in the High Street shops photo challenge. The challenge will be to recreate the Annie Pownall photos that will be displayed in the Sydenham Centre. The pictures of our unique high street shops were all taken in 2005. You can either attend the photo workshop before or just go out on Sydenham Road and take your photos. Return to the Sydenham Centre by 2.45pm to be included in the high street slide show. Sign up here: [www.tinyurl.com/sydfunpalace](http://www.tinyurl.com/sydfunpalace)



### 1 Sydenham Centre

44a Sydenham Rd, SE26 5QX

Buses 202, 450, 75, 194

Cycle racks are available nearby

Sydenham station is 5 minutes walk away

The Sydenham Centre is a vibrant community space that holds an eclectic mix of activities, services, events and local organisations for vulnerable people and the community at large. It is also the home of Sydenham's very own Ignition Brewery and tap room. Call 07904 505923 for details.

**Saturday October 5, 12:00 - 4:00pm**

**12-1pm Dance and Puppets** Fun dance and shadow puppetry workshop for children (3-12), with cast

members from Spontaneous Productions' PINOCCHIO show. No experience necessary, beginners welcome

**12-4pm Genealogy** Richard Travell presents The Elephant Hunt: a genealogical game (2001 version)

**1-3pm Learn and perform Victorian Music** Learn a song from the Victorian music hall with Deborah Garvey then perform it with professional singers. A fascinating talk and Q&A session on the Victorian music hall with historian Ken Watson presented by SEE3. We encourage you to come dressed up in Victorian costume.

**3-4pm Slideshow of High Street** recreating photographs of Sydenham high street's shops and business owners, originally taken by Annie Pownall in 2005 presented by Gerald Jones and Mark Drinkwater

**12-1pm Photography Workshop** Learn to take better photographs (ideal for beginners) with Mark Drinkwater and take part in the High Street shops photo challenge (see left)

**2-3pm Laughter Yoga** A unique concept combining playful laughter exercises with yogic breathing. A fun way to boost health and energy with Annie Pownall

**Life drawing** Draw from a live model with Coral Howard and Anna Lovely

**Children's arts and crafts activities**

All of the above is curated by Jonathan Kaufman of Spontaneous Productions and Cllr Chris Best

**Sunday October 6, 12-4pm**

For timings of activities and other details please call 020 8692 7007

- Adult Choir and singing workshop
- Puppetmaking using upcycled materials
- Dance workshop
- Creative writing workshop
- Jewellery making taster



### 2 TNG Youth Centre

111 Wells Park Rd, SE26 6AD

[www.youthfirst.org.uk/lewisham](http://www.youthfirst.org.uk/lewisham)

Buses 202, 356

Cycle racks are available nearby  
Sydenham station 15 minute walk

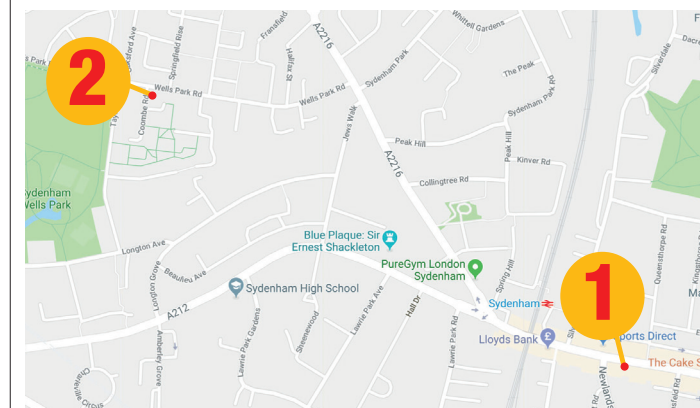
Working closely with local schools as well as being a centre for various borough-wide youth work, the centre is a hub for the local community. For details call Deniz on 020 8314 3553

**Saturday 5 October, 12-4pm**

All activities will take place throughout the 4 hour period unless otherwise stated

- **Baking & cake decorating** with Beverley Paul
- **Create a community garden** Come along and learn how to plant and care for a garden (12 – 3 pm)
- **Peace Mural** Join in the painting of a huge community mural with personal positive quote of peace
- **Climbing wall** Sessions throughout the afternoon
- **Police Crime Scene Investigation** Learn how police detect crime to catch the criminals
- **Slimy science** Have fun learning how slime is made
- **Community piano** Have a go at playing your favourite tune on the gorgeously decorated piano

There will be no Fun Palace at TNG on Sunday 6 October.





## Community Safety



In June Sydenham Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) launched the inaugural #together community event at St Bartholomew's primary school. Thanks to the school for hosting, and all those who were involved. We aim to hold another one in the Spring.

A prolific shoplifter was caught and charged with 9 offences, and sentenced to 20 weeks in prison. Teamwork and engagement with the local shops, facilitated this.

In July, we assisted with the relaunch of Beckenham Place Park which was attended by Mayor Sadiq Khan and local councillors.

The team are always busy patrolling streets and delivering crime prevention advice and reassurance to burglary victims. Please do say hello when you see us! We are looking forward to taking part in the 2nd Sydenham Fun Palace event on 5th October at TNG – see you there!

## Fly tipping & disposal

For any fly tipping concerns informing the council is the best way to get the problem dealt with quickly and efficiently. Report any witnessing of fly tipping at [www.lewisham.gov.uk/reportflytippers](http://www.lewisham.gov.uk/reportflytippers) or at [www.lewisham.gov.uk/reportflytipping](http://www.lewisham.gov.uk/reportflytipping) for non-witnessed fly tips. You can call 0208 314 2170 or email [cleansingenforcement@lewisham.gov.uk](mailto:cleansingenforcement@lewisham.gov.uk) You can also download the *Fix my Street* App to easily report these offences or graffiti and flyposting directly to the department. Offences reported in this way are usually cleared within 48 hours.

If you have large items to dispose of you can do so at the Lewisham dump in New Cross. If more convenient you can use the recycling centres in Bromley [www.bromley.gov.uk](http://www.bromley.gov.uk) for £3 or Bexley [www.bexley.gov.uk](http://www.bexley.gov.uk) for £10.

## London Borough of Culture

Lewisham is bidding to be named London Borough of Culture in either 2021 or 2023. The winning borough will receive more than £1m to stage an ambitious programme of cultural events across the year. We were so close last year that we are determined to win!



With our fantastic cultural heritage, there is no doubt that Lewisham has the potential but we need your help to do so. Previous winners, Brent and Waltham Forest, showed their residents support.

### What you can do:

1. Back the bid at [iamlewisham.uk](http://iamlewisham.uk)

We are aiming to get 10,000 pledges of support. Help spread the word and get your friends and family to back us.

2. Help us create a buzz on social media.

We want Sadiq Khan and London to know that Lewisham deserves to win. Using the hashtags **#iamlewisham** and **#mylocalculture** let us know what you like, and makes you proud of Lewisham and why it's special to you.



## LGBT services/support

LGBTQ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or questioning their sexuality or gender identity) can get support from METRO Youth charity. They run the Lewisham Live youth group where LGBTQ young people aged 16 – 25 meet every Wednesday to socialise and join in activities with others in their community.

For more information go to [www.metrocentreonline.org](http://www.metrocentreonline.org), contact us at [youth@metrocharity.org.uk](mailto:youth@metrocharity.org.uk) or 020 8305 5004

Find METRO Charity on Instagram, Twitter, Facebook, and YouTube.

## Dragonfly Yoga

Dragonfly Yoga Studios have recently opened, with 2 new studios for group yoga and Pilates classes, just two-minutes' walk from Sydenham station. A warm welcome to them! To book a class go to [www.dragonfly-yoga.org](http://www.dragonfly-yoga.org) located at 22-24 Sydenham Road Phone: 0208 004 9059 or email [sydenham@dragonfly-yoga.org](mailto:sydenham@dragonfly-yoga.org)