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# Sydenham

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SPECIAL  
EDITION

## FUN PALACES

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE FIRST EVER SYDENHAM  
FUN PALACE THIS OCTOBER 6<sup>TH</sup> & 7<sup>TH</sup>!



Please join us on the weekend of 6th and 7th October, as Sydenham's first-ever Fun Palace will be taking place and it's going to be truly AMAZING, plus it's FREE! See inside for all the venues that will be hosting, and fantastic activities you can expect to be available to try out. These vary from African dance to pedal power, and from life-drawing to wall climbing! There is no need to book, just turn up!

The Fun Palace is all about you. It is all about ordinary people in Sydenham bringing their passions and skills to share with others, for free. How about you? Do you have a hobby, passion, skill or idea you'd like to share to make the Fun Palace even better? If so just contact any of the organisers directly and explain the activity you want to bring, they'll help you make it happen. See centre spread for details or go online to [funpalaces.co.uk](http://funpalaces.co.uk) and search 'Sydenham'.

Got an idea but not sure about how to get started? Call Laura on 020 8314 3830.



### 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!

### Next meeting

Saturday 6th October

11:00 - 11:30am

TNG Youth Centre  
111 Wells Park Road  
SE26 6AD

Buses 202, 356

### ON THE AGENDA

- Launch of Sydenham Fun Palaces
- Community updates
- Safer Neighborhood Team
- Refreshments

We are having a shorter than usual Assembly this time around, so everyone can enjoy the Fun Palaces. We'll see you again on 1<sup>st</sup> December for our Xmas Assembly, when we are hoping the new Mayor Damien Egan will be able to join us.

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

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## 1 Sydenham Centre

44a Sydenham Rd, SE26 5QX

[www.lewisham.gov.uk/inmyarea](http://www.lewisham.gov.uk/inmyarea)

[www.facebook.com/SpontaneousJK](https://www.facebook.com/SpontaneousJK)

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. Focused on arts, dance and physical movement, the Sydenham Centre offers yoga, Pilates, dance classes and more. For our fun palace, we're opening our doors so you can show us your talent!

### Saturday October 6, 12:00 - 6:00pm

#### Photography workshop

Learn how to take great pictures! From beginners to intermediate, learn about the fundamentals of photography. Work on your composition, focus and exposure. Bring a camera along with you – digital, film or even a smartphone – and put your new skills to the test! Get top tips for taking crack shots.

You can register at [www.tinyurl.com/sponpic](http://www.tinyurl.com/sponpic), or just show up on the day.

#### Children's Writing workshop

An 8+ workshop for children who want to tap in to their creativity and write stories! With animation script-writer Jo Clegg (Hey Duggee, Tilly and Friends, and Poppy Cat) to create and develop fun characters.

#### Life Drawing With Coral Howard

Have a go at sketching the human form, or take a turn as a life model (clothed of course!)

#### Musical Theatre Workshop

With members of the cast of The Three Little Pigs Go West, learn a song and dance routine from Spontaneous Productions' next family theatre show.

#### Pedal-Power!

How about creating your own electricity? Have a go at generating electricity by pedalling a special bicycle and see what household items you can power up!

### Sunday October 7, 12:00 - 3:00pm

#### The Sydenham Tapestry – of Unsung Heroes and Heroines

Heroes and Heroines come in all shapes and sizes. On Sunday we will be celebrating your personal heroes, with Joan Littlewood, and immortalising them on a Tapestry for an amazing piece of community art.

People of all ages are welcome. Come along and we'll help you realise your personal hero on a giant tapestry, to be hung in the Sydenham Centre. You'll have the chance to immortalize your hero and honour them just like the famous Bayeux Tapestry!

Think about who inspires you? Whether a friend or your mum, local legends, or an international ones, then join in and contribute to this lasting tribute of amazing people!



## 2 The Grove Centre

Jews Walk, SE26 6PL (The Church)

[www.thegrovecentre.org.uk](http://www.thegrovecentre.org.uk)

The Grove Centre Church prides itself on being 'A Place for People', and so we have made our whole site available for the Fun Palace on Saturday. We host a variety of get-togethers, lunches and community groups. Monday thru Friday, we hope some of these groups will share their skills! We have plenty of rooms, halls and a private garden for anyone who would like to contribute. Please get in touch and tell us your ideas!

### Saturday 6 October 9:00am – 6pm

Together with our amazing local community and centre regulars, we will be hosting lots of exciting and fun activities to take place on the first day of the Fun Palace, 6th October. We invite you to make our Fun Palace the most astounding and enjoyable one by joining in and adding your passion, skill or hobby to the mix! Whatever your age, ability or idea, we want to hear from you! So please get in touch if you would like to participate. Visit us at the Fun Palaces website to register your interest and to keep an eye out for announcements of activities that will take place.



## 3 TNG Youth Centre

111 Wells Park Rd, SE26 6AD

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

In partnership with James Ross Hunter Youth Support and Sydenham Wells Park Improvement Group. The centre is an ultra – modern award-winning design which signals to young people that they are cared about and can aspire to great things. 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.

### Saturday 6 October, 1:00 – 5:00pm

#### Crime Scene Investigation

Become a crime scene investigator for a day; learn how to gather information and evidence at the scene of the crime to solve the case! Run by the Metropolitan Police, learn how a murder scene is investigated and take part in some role play.

#### Mural Peace Arts

Decorate a massive canvas with messages and drawings. This activity is appropriate for all ages. At the end of the fun palace, the piece will be finalised by a professional and displayed here in the centre!

Basketball coaching, wall climbing, parkour and much more.



## 4 Community Library

210 Sydenham Road, SE26 5SE (Home Park)

[www.facebook.com/Sydenham-Community-Library](https://www.facebook.com/Sydenham-Community-Library)

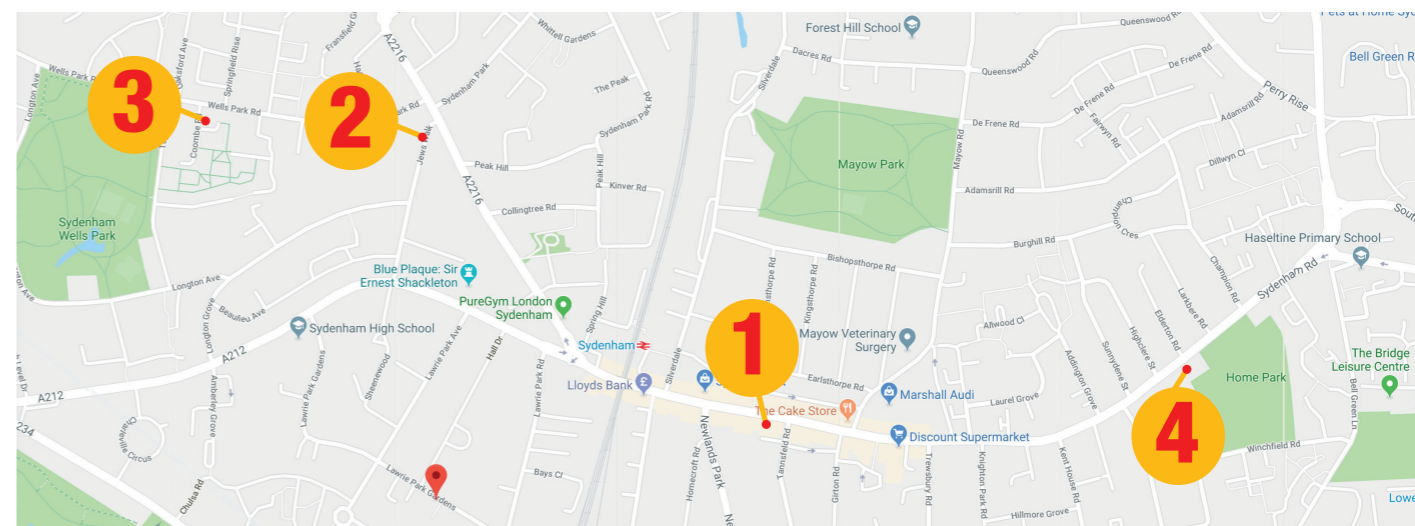
We are an inclusive public space that provides services for the community. Events such as rhyme times for under-5s and a monthly adults' book group. To promote reading and literacy we have large print and talking books of fiction and non-fiction, something for everyone! Our IT facilities are available to all, with scanning and printing facilities.

### Saturday 6 October, 11am – 5:00pm

Balloon workshop led by Natasha Dhondee.  
Children's crafts "Build a palace" led by Kate Ringrose.  
Adults crafts led by Chris Matthews.  
Publishing as an independent author by Julie Day.  
Computer based activity led by Si.  
Recording podcast interviews led by Tom Edwards.  
African dance led by Mariama.

### Sunday 7 October, 11am – 5:00pm

Philosophy workshop led by Gerald and Anya  
Inkheads creative writing  
Pilates taster session  
Recording podcast interviews led by Tom Edwards  
Animation workshop



## A New Neighbourhood Forum for Sydenham Hill

Residents in and around Sydenham Hill are interested in setting up a Neighbourhood Forum to enhance the character of the area, tackle planning issues and create links on both sides of the 'ridge' – from the top of Westwood Hill along to the Horniman triangle. This area falls within two boroughs – Lewisham & Southwark – and three wards: Dulwich Wood, Forest Hill & Sydenham. Following a series of guided walks to work out the boundaries, a meeting is being held on Tuesday Sept 25. For further details visit [www.sydenhamhillridge.london](http://www.sydenhamhillridge.london)

## St Philip Neri school

A public meeting about the new St Philip Neri school development was held at Sydenham Library on Thursday 19 July, chaired by local councillor, Tom Copley and attended by Viv Evans, Lewisham's interim Head of Planning. Just over 50 local people attended with written questions from those unable to attend.

Since the meeting, Lewisham council has carried out a survey on how what's been built compares to the planning permission given. The builder has been asked to remedy issues including the height of the building, cladding, windows and surrounding fences.

## Three Little Pigs Go West

**Sat 15 September – Sun 21 October**

An imaginative musical retelling of the classical fairytale. Full details and tickets: [www.spontaneousproductions.co.uk](http://www.spontaneousproductions.co.uk)

## Chamber Music

Please join us for an evening of Chamber music brought to you by Sydenham Arts.

**Saturday 6 October, 7.30pm**

**St Bartholomew's Church SE26 6QR**

In the beautiful setting of St Bartholomew's Church we will be welcoming prize-winning pianist and singer Eleanor Meynell and award-winning violinist Ellie Fagg for this very special performance. This 'taster' concert introduces a brand new chamber music series taking place next year. Performing two sonatas for violin and piano that have become favourites in concert programmes: Debussy's only Violin Sonata and Beethoven's well-loved Spring Sonata. Visit [www.sydenhamarts.co.uk/whats-on](http://www.sydenhamarts.co.uk/whats-on) for further details.

We hope you will be able to stay afterwards and join us for a glass of wine and chat with the performers.

## Ignition Tap room opens in Sydenham Centre

Following an astonishingly positive crowdfunding campaign in May, Ignition Brewery have launched their new Tap room at the front of the Sydenham Centre! The campaign was so widely supported it overshot its target! Since then the team have been working furiously to make sure everything is ready for the grand opening in September. The space looks great! On Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. The Ignition Tap room will be open to the public. Nick at Ignition says: "We really hope people come down to visit and help us find our way to becoming a fantastic community Tap room and a colourful part of Sydenham life". Yoga, Pilates, and salsa continue in the space during the week.



## Animation screening by Kelvin Grove pupils

Please come and see these amazing animation films created by students at Kelvin Grove Primary School. These are narrated by residents of Barchester Care Home in Sydenham. A group of children from the school interviewed elderly local residents about what life was like when they were young. The eldest lady was 98! The children then produced their animation sequences based on the stories and memories. 71 year 5 children took part and 5 year 6 children helped with art work under the direction of Katy Milner.

Two of these 6 minute films are being screened at **Sydenham School on Saturday September 15th at 10 am absolutely FREE** (see flyer for further details) This project was funded by Lewisham Festival Fund and a Kelvin Grove crowdfunding campaign. Katy will be on hand at the Sydenham Fun Palace if you would like to learn more about creating your own animation film.

