



Lewisham

Sydenham

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www.lewisham.gov.uk/localassemblies/sydenhamassembly

Join us for a waste & recycling consultation

Come to Sydenham Assembly on 5 March and let the council know how it can make it easier to dispose of waste responsibly.

Mayor Damien Egan has committed to address the barriers that stop people disposing of household waste responsibly and work with the police to target professional fly tippers with prosecution. In order to support the Mayor with these commitments, the Strategic Waste and Recycling Team want to understand more about the barriers residents may experience when it comes to disposing of their waste properly. They are keen to hear from you about any problems you have with recycling as well as your ideas for beating the fly-tippers.



Lewisham school children with "Metal Man" supporting the recycling campaign.



Fabulous new business on our high Street!

Zigghy's Café 90 Sydenham Rd
Facebook @Zigghycafe. A lovely new café run by the delightful Julia.

Mamma Dough 299 Kirkdale
@mamma_dough. The anticipated pizza guru has finally opened its doors.

Totu Polish Deli 104 Sydenham Rd
This amazing deli stocks a wide range of delicious Polish specialities.

UR-ID printing 15 Sydenham Rd
ur-id.co.uk, Facebook@urid.co.uk. UR-ID can meet all your personalised printing and embroidery needs on any wearable items.

Bottle Cave 22 Sydenham Rd
Twitter @BottleCave. This smart wine and craft beer speciality shop is a welcome addition to the high street! (open till 9pm.)

Cherry and Ice 27 Sydenham Rd,
FB @SE26ice & @cherryandice27
evening opening coming soon! Food & drinks plus great chilled atmosphere.

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!

ON THE AGENDA

- Waste and recycling consultation
- Update on SAFE project
- Community updates
- Introducing Montage Arts
- New business start-ups
- Fun Palaces & Festival of Creative Ageing 2019
- Safer Neighbourhood Teams

Next meeting
Tuesday 5th March
7:00 - 9:00pm

Sydenham Centre
44a Sydenham Rd SE26 5QX
Buses 202, 194, 75, 450



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If you have any questions about Sydenham assembly email
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The buzz at the Sydenham Centre

New resident - Montage Arts

Montage Theatre Arts, who have been working in Lewisham since 1998, are bringing preschool classes to the Sydenham Centre! Combining music, dance, drama and storytelling, every session creates a fun and safe environment which nurtures and encourages essential preschool skills: creativity, confidence, imagination, co-ordination and vocal development. Playing with bubbles, puppets, instruments and more, the classes also allow parents to stay and play, make new friends and watch their child progress and flourish.

Mondays – Mini Movers (2-4 yrs) 10:45-11:30

Funky dance, movement and creative sessions

Fridays – Mini Melodies (2-4 yrs) 10:45-11:30

Playful music, singing, and drama/storytelling sessions. More classes to open soon! To register your interest, please email office@montagetheatre.com



Ignition Taproom news

The Ignition Taproom is in full swing on Sydenham Road and has a burgeoning series of great events on offer. Check out our regular Whisky Tastings (next one on 28/2). We have a coffee morning every Thursday in February and Bingo on Saturday 23rd February. See www.ignition.beer for further details.

Sydenham Arts

Sydenham Arts is delighted to announce taking over programming of Sydenham Film Club. The club has been running in Sydenham for several years with screenings on the last Thursday of the month. The move brings with it film programmer, Ioanna Papageorgiou and designer, Nina Bosanac who have both been invited to join the Sydenham Arts board of trustees.

Spontaneous Productions & Kirkdale Bookshop presents Word Week to honour World Book Day.

A rehearsed reading (actors enacting a piece reading) of *The Magnificent Death of Henry Fielding* by best-selling novelist Jonathan Coe. This is a highly entertaining tale of the last few days in the life of the author of Tom Jones. Featuring Robert Bathurst (from ITV's Cold Feet) and Annabelle Dowler (Kirsty from Radio 4's The Archers).

Saturday 9 March, 7.30pm

Tickets: £16/£12 concs.

Bell, Antrobus and Friends

An evening of poetry headlined by Jo Bell plus support from Raymond Antrobus, Gale Burns and Connor Byrne. **Saturday 2 March, 8pm Tickets: £12/£10 concs.**

Poetry Workshops

Children's workshop 7-12 year olds. Write a poem with the help and guidance of a children's author **Saturday 2nd March, 2-3 pm £7** Adult workshop 16+ with Gale Burns who will help you write a poem and hone your skills. **Sunday 3rd March, 2-4 pm £12/£10 concs adults.** To book either email workshops@spontaneousproductions.co.uk

Further events for Word Week taking place at Kirkdale Bookshop such as Author event and Quiz night are listed in Diary Dates.

For tickets for any of the Word Week events go to spontaneousproductions.co.uk

Special thanks to our local sponsor Property World, and support from Woodfall Opticians and Gurkha's.

SAFE theatre project for young people

Exploring positive alternatives to gang culture, knife crime and antisocial behaviour, this exciting Assembly-funded theatre project is underway in Sydenham. Working with local young people, the project will create a challenging and life-affirming piece of theatre that offers young people hope for their futures. With an opportunity to get involved in workshops to develop ideas, scriptwriting, performing and other ways. Collet Hunter of the JRHYS Group is leading school visits with the local police team, bringing inspiring positive messages about safety.

The first show date will be on Friday 31 May.

If you are aged 13-25 and interested in getting involved please email jonathan@sptheatre.co.uk or jrhyslifejourney@gmail.com

Sydenham assembly News

Eight fantastic local projects were awarded funding by Sydenham Assembly on 1st December. Local volunteers came along to showcase their proposals and answer questions from the large audience (over 50 in attendance).

Friends of Sydenham Library - Adults Crafts £740

Friends of Sydenham Library - Children's Crafts £380

Friends of Sydenham Library - Rhyme Time for under 5s £1410

Sydenham Arts - #Sixty £1500

SEE 3 Portas Pilot - High Street Happenings £2000

James Ross Hunter Youth Support - SAFE Project £2000

Voluntary Services Lewisham Christmas Project £2000

Lockwood Close Community Garden £575

The remaining funding of £1395 will be allocated at the March Assembly – come along and have your say.



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Mayor Damien Egan with Collet Hunter and Jonathan Kaufmann (SAFE Project)

Mayor's Q&A

We were delighted to welcome Mayor Damien Egan to our Assembly on 1st December. Damien talked about the challenges the borough faces with more cuts to come, as well as his commitment to build more social housing to meet the ever increasing housing needs in Lewisham. He participated in a Q&A with the community in a lively and stimulating session, covering everything

from keeping our young people safe to making it easier to contact the council. Other hot topics covered the council's strategy on Air Quality, the new development at Our Lady and St Philip Neri School and funding for street trees, to name but a few. For a full report of the discussion, the meeting notes can be found at www.lewisham.gov.uk/localassemblies/sydenham

Fun Palaces & Festival of Creative Ageing coming October 5th & 6th

Community volunteers are already busy planning the next Fun Palace which will be returning to SE26 on **5th and 6th October 2019**. Activities to look forward to are; an opportunity to learn and perform Victorian music; making a music video, run by a vocal coach and movement director; a drawing and photo project where participants capture every shop and building along the high street in their chosen medium, to create a panoramic visual of Sydenham Road. The Fun

Palace will include activities aimed at older residents to align with Lewisham's Festival for Creative Ageing.

If you would like to get involved in organising, contribute an activity, or you just want to hear more, come to the Assembly on 5th March, contact Cllr Liam Curran or go to sydenhamfunpalace.wordpress.com/contact



Diary Dates

Mon-Fri 18-22 February

1.30-6pm TNG half term

programme

Monday Street dance, Segway

Karts **Tuesday** mural art, wall

climbing, BMX riding **Wednesday**

Ready, Steady, Cook!, Park-

our, Open Mic, Roller Disco

Thursday In-house cinema

Friday Musical Showcase tal-

ent show with free food all day.

For further information on term

time events call 02083143553

or 07875091098 or email deniz.amoah@youthfirst.org.uk

Tuesday 19th February 12-

1pm Cuppa with a copper

Come along to make contact with

local police at the monthly sur-

gery at Sydenham Library to meet

the team and discuss any issues

or concerns you may have.

Two further events of Word

Week in celebration of

World Book Day

Friday 1st March 7.30pm at

Kirkdale Bookshop, Author

event, Free.

Meet Sydenham-based author

Claire Adam while she reads from

her first novel *Golden Child* pub-

lished by Faber & Faber. Buy her

book and have it signed.

Thursday 7th March 7-9pm.

Tickets £4 per person Kirk-

dale Bookshop Quiz Search

the Shelves for clues and solve

the questions. A fun and differ-

ent quiz night. Wine & nibbles

included.



The High Street

The revitalising of Cobbs Corner continues with the opening of Mamma Dough next to Nando's. The Council's Greenscene are due to re-stock the roundabout. Cllr Chris Best cut the ribbon with Ellie Reeves MP following the refit of St Christopher's hospice shop – please support and gift aid.

We continue to chase for news on the old Budgens site. Dragonfly at Zanara Court will open soon with a sports shop and yoga studios.

Join our free Easter Bonnet workshop and parade for children on Easter Saturday 20 April. Look out for more information coming soon.

Bell Green Gasholders

Sydenham Society are opposing the planned demolition of the Bell Green Gasholders and are working with @d__architecture to come up with a master plan and design brief for the area. They have published an open letter to SGN asking for an immediate halt to the demolition. Mayor Egan has written to SGN asking that the gas holders be retained as part of any new development. However, the use of planning powers to prevent demolition would make the council liable to pay SGN significant compensation. See council's statement at www.lewisham.gov.uk/news and details of Sydenham Society campaign at www.sydenhamsociety.com.



Sydenham Library Crafts

Our new series of adult craft lessons are starting soon. Sessions start on **March 7th and run weekly on Thursday from 1pm to 3 pm** All welcomed. Come, socialise and learn a new craft. Lessons are free, but we welcome donations. Lessons will include: Jewellery making, creative sewing and craft work, painting and collage with Chris, Heather and Pauline. For more details, pop in, call 020 8778 1753 or email Christine Mathews at supercat1952@yahoo.com.

The library is always looking for more volunteers to help with various tasks including tidying books, helping the public use the computers and general admin. If you're interested please call 020 8778 1753 or email Sydenhamcommunitylibrary@gmail.com.

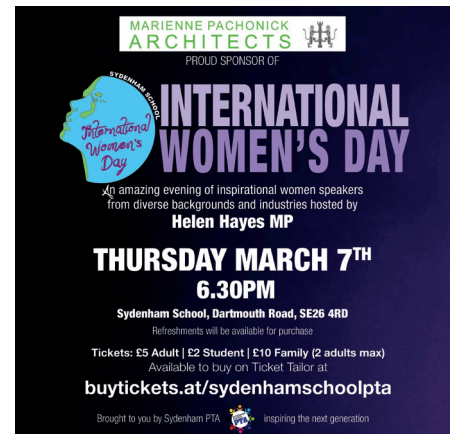
Celebrate International Women's Day

Sydenham School PTA is proud to invite you to an amazing evening to celebrate women everywhere in honour of International Women's day (officially March 8th). The evening will feature 12 inspi-

rationational women speaking for 5 minutes each about their field of expertise. The panel includes science, television, design and psychology to name but a few and will be hosted by Helen Hayes MP.

This is a fast-paced format which emphasises just how amazing and diverse women are. There will be an opportunity to chat with all the speakers.

Thursday, March 7th at 6:30pm £5 Adult / £2 Students (11+) / £10 Family. Tickets are limited so please order yours today at www.buytickets.at/sydenhamschoolpta Open to all. Refreshments and food will be available for purchase. Special thanks to www.mariennepavhonick.com our proud sponsor.



Safer Neighbourhood Team community update

We have seen a recent increase in thefts from motor vehicles. Police are asking residents to be vigilant by removing all valuables from sight and locking their cars.

The SNT team's hard work has paid off and we have seen a decrease in the vehicles being kept on the roads Bishopsthorpe and Earlsthorpe. We are also working hard to address the rough sleeping problem in Girton Road car park. Because of increased burglaries in the area, police are encouraging people to take additional security measures such as locks, timer switches, CCTV or infrared lighting. PC Shaun Rodway has visited pupils at St. Michaels to talk on the dangers and reality of knife crime. He continues to work with Collet Hunter of James Ross Hunter Youth Support. Finally thanks to a number of warrants in Sydenham a sizeable amount of drugs have been seized and arrests made.

If you have anything to report please call us on 0208 649 3598 or email sydenham.snt@met.police.uk Twitter @MPSSydenham Next Surgery is 19th February see diary dates on page 3 for details.