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Sydenham

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**SPECIAL
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COME JOIN US FOR THE LAUNCH OF

Sydenham Centre & community event

**SATURDAY 10TH JUNE FROM 11:30 AM TO 1:30 PM AT
THE SYDENHAM CENTRE 44A SYDENHAM ROAD, SE26 5QX**

We have an exciting day planned combining the regular Sydenham Assembly with the launch of the Sydenham Centre generating an impressive community event.

The Assembly is a Sydenham community meeting to know what is happening in your neighbourhood. You will learn what services, activities and support groups are available in your neighbourhood. Come along and meet the community groups, find out how you can get involved, and meet your councillors.

Since we will also be celebrating the launch of the Sydenham Centre there will be stalls such as facepainting, activities such as learning how to brew beer from our very own microbrewery and entertainment for the whole family and all for free!

Please come and join us!



Here are the organisations that will be present at our event. Find out more about them overleaf

- Sydenham Film Club
- Sydenham Arts
- Carers Lewisham
- Hexagon – training and employment
- Friends of Mayow Park
- Sydenham Community Library
- The Albany
- Community Connections
- Safer Neighbourhood Team
- Sydenham Society

Market Shopping Arts healthy
wellbeing buzz love Strong
talk
Sydenham
Assembly happy
Together Community Bright vibrant
learn green

Sydenham Artists Trail starts 8th July
www.sydenhamarts.co.uk

For the above and all other local news – turn to back page for more details

SYDENHAM SURVEY RESULTS

Thank you to the 342 people who responded to the Online Survey. Your great suggestions include ideas for promoting Sydenham; bringing the community together; better waste management; expanding use of parks and promoting healthy lifestyles. We'll use your ideas to help develop an Action Plan, meanwhile see the survey results here: www.lewisham.gov.uk/getinvolved/localassemblies

Meet the community organisations that will be present on June 10th!

Sydenham is fortunate to have a wealth of inspiring and dynamic community organisations. Come along and find out what they are doing and how you could get involved:



Sydenham Society

Founded in 1972, and now with over 1,000 members, our aim is to be a voice for Sydenham and to make SE26 a better place to live and work. We strive to protect and improve services and amenities which impact on the local area. Our main areas of interest are Conservation & Planning, Transport and the Environment. Come tell us how you feel about living in Sydenham!

Sydenham Arts

Sydenham Arts
Summer Festival
6th - 16th JULY

We are delighted to announce this year's summer festival. Our offices have moved into the Sydenham Centre as of the end of February. We finally have a dedicated office space for arts, cultural and wellbeing which benefits us and the wider community. Our events feature a mix of local community organisations activities and services for local and vulnerable people. Take note of some of our upcoming dates (facing page) and the write up on our Artist Trail on the back page



Sydenham Film Club

Established in 2011, we are a non-profit organisation. Film screenings are every last Thursday of the month. We are currently at the Grove Centre Church, Sydenham.

We invite the community to share an evening watching some of the best modern, classic and foreign language movies around! Find more info and schedule at www.sydenhamfilmclub.org



Hexagon - training and employment

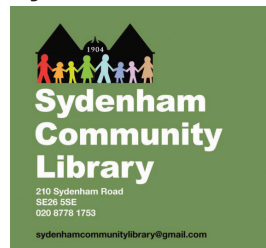
Love London Working is an exciting programme to help unemployed people over the age of 16 into work. Hexagon Housing

Association is part of this three year London wide programme, in partnership with 15 housing associations. No matter how long you've been out of a job or what barriers you may be facing, such as health, disability or single parenthood, our team can assist you.

Through *Love London Working* we'll support you in all possible ways; from offering training opportunities to financial support, to developing key skills like IT and other work related training. We also offer individual support with job applications, CV writing and interview practice.

You don't need to be a resident to take part. Our dedicated team member will help you get ready to take those first few steps in getting you back to work. There's no stopping you now!

Sydenham Community Library



The Sydenham library has been run by volunteers since 2011. The library is well used by a diverse and vibrant community. Apart from lending books we also have public PCs and run regular events

including rhyme times for children, craft sessions for adults and children and IT tuition. We have a dedicated group of volunteers but do need more help especially on Saturdays and evenings 5-7pm and on Tuesdays and Thursdays. If you enjoy meeting people, are adaptable or have fundraising experience please think about joining us. No experience necessary.



The Albany

The Albany is a multi-purpose arts centre in Deptford. It has a performance space that seats up to 300, a bar, two studios, a cafe and rehearsal/meeting rooms.

We have great opportunities coming up for young people! Find out how you can get involved in any of the courses or events; we have everything from dance lessons to the ability to let you produce and perform your own show. Plus we have a fantastic Summer Arts programme for 8-18 year olds.



Community Connections

Our aim is to improve wellbeing through supporting development of community-based services and increasing the accessibility of these services for the most vulnerable adults. Facilitators will connect clients with services to match their needs and aspirations. Community Connections' Development Workers also provide information to other healthcare professionals and social services: sharing their expertise around community-based services



Lewisham Food Bank

Lewisham Foodbank is part

of the Trussell Trust, a nationwide network of foodbanks. We opened in 2012 and have four distribution centres including one in Forest Hill, as well as an office in Sydenham. Last year we gave away 2,500 food parcels to people who had been referred to us because they were in crisis. All the food we give out has been donated to us.

We are a registered charity with over 60 volunteers that help to collect, sort and distribute food. We also direct people to other help and take time to listen and care. Please come see us if you'd like to volunteer or just want to know more.



Carers Lewisham

We support carers in the London Borough of Lewisham aged 5 upwards. A carer is someone of any age who provides unpaid support to family or friends who could not manage without their help due to illness or disability. We provide advice, information, emotional support, opportunities to meet other carers, support groups, time out from caring, relaxation and well-being days. Come see us to find out how we can help.

Ignition Brewery

Ignition Brewery employs and trains people with learning disabilities to brew great tasting beer. As part of the Open Day on 10th June, we are opening our doors to local residents to meet our staff, try our beer and see our brewery. The team will be on hand to answer your brewing questions, as well as show you how we make beer that is now selling across the borough. Our brewery is very small, so please be patient with us as we try to give everyone a chance to say hello and try our drinks. We look forward to seeing you on the day.



Friends of Mayow Park

We are here to tell you all about what is going on in Mayow Park. Hear the latest

news on the refurbished tennis courts and how to book them. Learn about the orchard. Did you know the Bowls Green is a space for party hire? Do you want additional children's play equipment? Also find out about Grow Mayow – a bee and honey project that started with one hive but now has 3. Go to growmayow.org for any event information and find out much more.

Diary Dates

May 24th to June 10th Three Men in a boat, to say nothing of the dog

A new musical adaptation of this timeless comic classic by Jerome K Jerome adapted and directed by Jonathan Kaufman. **Wed-Sat. (except June 8th) £15 full price, (£12 conc).** Book at Kirkdale Bookshop, 020 8778 4701 or online at spontaneousproductions.co.uk/events/

June 10th Kirkdale Funk is a new night every month this summer at Sugahill Café, on Kirkdale. Free entry, paying bar. Tweet @Sugahill_Cafe or www.facebook.com/stormwarningbrick

June 11th Sydenham Jumble Trail Sydder Sisters are organising a Jumble Trail with jumbletrail.com You can participate by selling your old treasures. Stalls are set up outside your houses. Sell bric-a-brac, toys, vintage clothes, cakes etc. The more people get involved the more fun we have! jumbletrail.com will provide a colour coded map so visitors can find all the stalls. Visit www.jumbletrail.com/event/SE26 to sign up. Cost £4 per stall, with any profits going to St. Christopher's Hospice

June 24th New adults' crafts with Clementsia, 1- 3pm. All materials provided. Learn new skills, make attractive presents. Term time only. Sydenham Library.

June 24th Wide Horizons is a charity that provides life-changing adventures for disadvantaged children www.justgiving.com/fundraising/KELVINGROVESCHOOL

June 30th Jonathan Coe in conversation with Matthew Sweet The award-winning novelist - best known for *The Rotters Club* and *What a Carve Up!* - will be visiting Sydenham for an informal chat. This will be followed by audience Q&A, reading and book signing. **Tickets £8 (£6 concs),** at Kirkdale Bookshop. 8pm

July 8-9th & 15-16th Artist trail. On show will be prints, jewellery, photographs, ceramics etc. please visit www.sydenhamarts.co.uk Enquiries@sydenhamarts.co.uk Tel. 020 8778 6463

Safer Neighbourhood Team Sydenham High School

Sydenham SNT have recently been involved in the successful Sydenham Easter Egg Trail - although children they met were reluctant to hand over any of their chocolate!

Our officers recently gave a talk to Year 6 children at St Michaels Church of England School about the dangers of social media.

They also spoke about knife crime to young people at The New Generation (TNG) on Wells Park Road. The team was keen to discuss this subject that is impacting more and more young people. If these talks make a young person think twice about carrying a knife then we have made an impact and possibly saved a life.

If you have any information about knife crime or any other crime and you wish to remain anonymous call CRIMESTOPPERS on 0800 555111.



Sixth formers have served up a top kitchen idea that's a chop above the rest for their entry in this year's Young Enterprise scheme.

Lola, Jana, Melissa, Ella, Biba and Lauren, with their team colleagues at Dulwich College, have developed an innovative chopping board that cleverly solves the perennial kitchen problem of separating prepared food from waste. Their "ChopAway" board has a detachable bowl to catch food waste for easy disposal, and fits neatly over the edge of any worktop. Its non-slip feet prevent movement.

The innovative board has already helped the team become Central London finalists in the Young Enterprise competition. Take a look for yourself at: www.chopaway.co.uk



Sydenham Arts Festival

It's that time of year again! The Sydenham Arts Festival starts July 6th and welcomes back Foxtots Bops, and is proud to introduce Step Lively Barn Dance & Ceilidh in Mayow Park - London's largest ever barn dance. Homegrown talent and winners of the Underbelly Award 2016, Four Femmes on the Thames, Ivor Novello Award-nominated singer-songwriter, Boo Hewerdine at St Barts.

International Poet, Deanna Rodger and New Comedian of the Year 2016 semi-finalist, Bryony Twydl.

The popular Artist Trail takes place on the weekends of July 8-9th and 15-16th with a veritable feast of visual arts from printmakers, jewellers, photographers, ceramics and much more.

For full details on our line up please visit www.sydenhamarts.co.uk Enquiries@sydenhamarts.co.uk



St Bart's Garden Makeover

As part of the "Global Day of Giving", 24 XL Catlin employees helped St. Bartholomew's Church of England School transform the garden into an allotment for the children to plant and grow their own vegetables. The school was over the moon with the results. Thanks to the residents and parent who organised it.

Demelza Children's Hospice Fundraiser

Each year United Sound of Sydenham support a local cause. This year, in honor of De De Larkin, they are supporting Demelza Hospice for children www.demelza.org.uk. Demelza was De De's favourite charity.

A great lover of American blues and Jamaican reggae, he was one of the Lewisham original mods. Pictured here in the poster to the right, back in the 1960's, Visit www.facebook.com/stormwarningbrick for further details.

