

Sydenham FUN PALACES

CALLING ALL RESIDENTS TO CREATE THE FIRST EVER SYDENHAM FUN PALACE THIS OCTOBER!

The first-ever Sydenham Fun Palace is springing up on October 6th and 7th and we need you to take part to make it a success.

We invite everyone, young and old (and in-between!), to come and share your hobby, interest, knowledge, skills and ideas to make the Sydenham Fun Palace happen.

Fun Palace is a grass-roots campaign for culture at the heart of every community, and an annual weekend of action – arts, science, craft, tech, digital, heritage and sports events and activities – run by and for local communities.

Spaces are made available - and you bring your hobby and skill to demonstrate and share with others.

There will be four FUN PALACE venues: The New Generation Youth Centre in Wells Park Road, The Grove Centre in Jews Walk, The Sydenham Centre on the high street and Sydenham Library by Home Park.

There are no formalities and it's all about having fun and working with others. Please come and share your ideas and suggestions at the Fun-Palace Making event at the **Sydenham Assembly on 13th June from 7 – 9 pm** at the Sydenham Centre next to the Post Office on Sydenham Road. If you already have a great idea for a Fun Palace activity and want to get involved – please contact one of the Fun Palace sites listed inside!



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
Wednesday 13th June
7pm - 9pm

The Sydenham Centre
44a Sydenham Road
SE26 5QX

Buses 75, 202, 194, 450

ON THE AGENDA

- How we can all make October's Sydenham Fun Palace happen
- Launch of Assembly Fund inviting bids for community projects (deadline for bids will be 7th September)
- Updates on what's happening in the community
- News from the Sydenham Police Safer Neighbourhood Team



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Spontaneous Productions
Shows at Sydenham Centre. Visit spontaneousproductions.co.uk for details and tickets
Professor Qwertybleep's tales from planet Earth Sat **June 23rd** 2pm and 4pm
Ages 3-10. Adults £10, Children £6, under 3s Free
600 Seconds more **July 28** 8pm An evening of short plays on the theme of 'conflict'. Tickets £12, £10 conc.

Kirkdale Funk Weekender **June 8th - 10th**
Sugahill Cafe and The Bricklayers Arms present an amazing line-up of soul/funk DJs. Search on Facebook for full details.

Safer Neighborhood team
Come for a chance to meet your local police and raise any concerns about community safety
June 12th 12 – 1 pm – *Cuppa With A Copper* at Sydenham Library, SE26 5SE.
June 21st 12 – 3 pm – Drop In Surgery at Ray Champion Room, Allwood Close, SE26 4JP.
June 27th 10 – 11 am Street Briefing at Sydenham Rail Station.

Sydenham Art Festival **June 27th-July 8th**
Sydenham Art Festival is an annual festival with several events Visit www.sydenhamarts.co.uk for full details and bookings.
Heroes **June 27th-July 1st** 8 pm at the Sydenham Centre. A play about a coming of age story to the soundtrack of David Bowie, presented by Exploding Whale.
Matilda – **June 29** 1-4 pm FREE
The Roald Dahl classic is being screened at The New Generation Centre on Wells Park Road.
Lark in the Park **June 30th** 12 – 4 pm, Includes music and craft beer by Ignition In Mayow Park. @ParkLark2018
Sydenham Artists' Trail **June 30th - July 1st & July 7th-8th** Pick up a brochure and map from Sydenham Library or on your High Street shops and cafes to visit a variety of local artists in their studios.
The Poodle Club – **4 July** 7.30 pm See 5 amazing comedians at The Sydenham Centre. Tickets £14/£13 Conc.,
Three Billboards outside Ebbing, Missouri – **July 5th** Oscar winning film is being screened at 7.30 pm at Sydenham Film Club, The Sydenham Centre. Tickets £6

Meet your new councillor —Tom Copley...

Welcome to Sydenham's new councillor Tom Copley, elected along with Chris Best and Liam Curran in May's council elections. Tom is also a London Assembly member at the Greater London Authority, where he is the housing spokesperson for the Labour Group. Tom has continued to raise concerns about the lack of housing supply across all tenures, rents and conditions in the private rented sector and the increase in rough sleeping. An advocate for the arts, Tom's Centre Stage report led to the launch of the London Theatres Small Grants Scheme in

August 2015.

Tom is a patron of LGBT Labour, sits on the Board of the New Diorama Theatre and is an elected trustee of the British Humanist Association.

Originally from Derbyshire, Tom grew up in Wiltshire and has lived in London for most of the last 12 years.



...and your new Mayor —Damien Egan

New Mayor Damien Egan, 35, moved to Lewisham after graduating from St Mary's University in Twickenham, and spent some time in Sydenham before settling in Lewisham town centre. Childhood experience of homelessness gave Damien his passion for tackling housing shortages.



As newly elected Mayor of Lewisham, he has committed to build a further 1,000 council homes, make Lewisham a borough of sanctuary for refugees and double the number of Living Wage employers in the borough. To read more about the new Mayor, go to www.lewisham.gov.uk/mayorandcouncil/mayor/

Assembly fund

The 2018 Sydenham Assembly Fund will be launched on 13th June at Sydenham Assembly. Sydenham's Priorities are:

- Clean and Green
- Crime and Anti-social Behaviour
- Health and Wellbeing
- Vibrant High Street
- Bringing the Community Together

Organisations can apply for up to £2,000 for projects benefitting people who live, work or learn in the ward. The deadline for applications will be Friday 7th September.

At the Assembly in March, many of you were concerned about looking after our

environment and street scene in Sydenham. We have listened to your concerns, and are encouraging the local community to make use of Assembly Funds to help tackle these issues. If you have a good idea for a project to help improve Sydenham's environment – whether that be greening the street, organising a big community clean-up or something else – you could be eligible for a grant from the Assembly under the clean and green priority. If you want to discuss an idea for a project, please come along to the Assembly or get in touch with Laura Luckhurst on 020 8314 3830 or email laura.luckhurst@lewisham.gov.uk



A campaign for culture at the heart of the community and community at the heart of culture

What is a Fun Palace

A Fun Palace is by local people for local people. Our four Fun Palace sites invite YOU to make their site your own for the day.

It's for all ages Fun Palaces are for and by everyone.

Children and young people are warmly encouraged to come along and show the “grown-ups” what they know and what they can do.

It's inclusive You are warmly invited to be a part of this whoever you are and however you identify.

It's hands-on Fun Palaces are about joining in with whatever your version of ‘culture’ is whether arts, science, craft, tech, digital, heritage, sports – whatever brings people together.

It's the process as much as product: A Fun Palace is an opportunity to create with your local community or workplace. It's the thinking and the linking that count.

It's free to enter and to take part.

What a Fun Palace is NOT

A fête or an Open Day, a community arts project, (ordinary) face-painting or a show, performance or lecture.

How to be part of the Fun Palace

Arts and science are not just for the experts - everyone has a skill! Do you love to knit, or tinker with old motorbikes? Do you have an allotment or grow houseplants? Do you love to cook, maybe you used to make your own beer or wine, are you good at DIY? We want to hear from anyone with something they would like to share with others this October. Here are just a few other examples of things people did at Fun Palaces in the past.

- Teach people a dance
- Science experiments with everyday materials
- Sign Language taster
- Cooking sessions
- Story telling
- Jewellery making
- Crafts
- Bricklaying
- Rocket building
- Drawing or painting
- play an instrument

Get involved – visit FunPalaces.co.uk, or get down to our Sydenham Assembly Fun Palace Makers event on 13th June (see front page for details).

Sydenham Fun Palace Sites

Visit funpalaces.co.uk and search Sydenham to see the local venues registered. Check out your favourite venue from those listed below and contact the organisers. Have a great idea but not sure which venue to talk to? Contact Laura Luckhurst on 020 8314 3830 or email laura.luckhurst@lewisham.gov.uk

Sydenham Centre Saturday
October 6th 10 – 6 pm
www.funpalaces.co.uk/discover/sydenham-centre-saturday/
jonathan@sptheatre.co.uk / 07904 505923

fun-palace-sydenham-centre-sunday/rachel@sydenhamarts.co.uk
020 8778 6463

Tel: 07958 299931

Sydenham Centre Sunday
“Heroes and Heroines Art Atttack”
October 7th 12 – 3 pm
www.funpalaces.co.uk/discover/sydenham-centre-sunday/

Sydenham Community Library
October 6th & 7th 11- 5 pm
www.funpalaces.co.uk/discover/sydenham-fun-palace-at-sydenham-community-library/
sydenhamcommunitylibrary@gmail.com

The Grove Centre
2 Jews Walk, SE26 6PL
grovecentre.church@virgin.net
020 8778 8601

The New Generation Youth Centre
111 Wells Park Road, SE26 6AD
info@youthfirst.org.uk / 020 8314 3553

NEWS IN BRIEF

Crown Post Office

The Crown post office in Sydenham Road is now the only one remaining in the borough. The Post Office has announced they are looking into franchising the Sydenham office. On 26 April a petition to keep the Sydenham branch open as a Crown Office was handed in at 10 Downing Street by local residents and councillors. A spokesman for the Post Office said no decision has been made yet, so campaigners are hoping the petition will help to change minds.

Bell Green Gasholders

Sydenham Society have lodged a letter of objection to the planned demolition of the Bell Green Gasholders. Peregrine Falcons have been reported as being seen perching on the structures, and it is thought they may be using these as a nesting site. Local residents are campaigning for the site to be sensitively developed, for example providing much needed housing for local people in a similar way to a project in Kings Cross. Visit www.sydenhamsociety.com/ for more details.

St Philip Neri

A number of residents have voiced concerns over the look of the new Our Lady and St Philip Neri School. London Borough of Lewisham planning department is committed to the original signed off designs, and has informed the builders that the cladding installed is of insufficient quality.

If you have questions about the above or other local issues, please join us at the Assembly where we will endeavour to answer your queries.

Sydenham Community Library

Sydenham Community Library looks forward to welcoming more than 25 artists, including the Quaggy Printmakers, for the two weekends of the Sydenham Artists Trail. We will be open on Sundays as well as Saturdays, on the weekends of 30 June/1 July, and 7/8 July. Lots of other amazing activities going on - see our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/EcoSydenhamCommunityLibrary. We are always looking for volunteers - please call 020 8778 1753 or email sydenhamcommunitylibrary@gmail.com if you can help.

Cobbs Corner and the High Street

Cobbs corner is changing for the better: the Greyhound is thriving and now sports an attractive pavement terrace. Kinleigh Folkard and Hayward estate agents have begun fitting out next door, as have Nando's. Mama Dough's is awaiting a change of use to open later this year. Over the road, Cobbs Corner Café (formerly Blue Mountain) is undergoing an upgrade. Meanwhile along Sydenham Road, The Outback Hair Salon celebrates 21 years in business on 1st July, while Cherry & Ice now has an alcohol license, and is hosting monthly events including a games night and Open Mic nights. Keep an eye out for them on Twitter and Instagram @cherryandice27.

Stop knife crime

If you want to do something positive and practical to help tackle knife crime among young people, please get in touch with local charity James Ross Hunter Youth Support on 07827 162670 or search for James Ross Hunter online to find their blogspot and Facebook pages. Twitter is @JRHYScommunity

Sydenham Arts Festival

Arts & culture is on the rise in Sydenham and we are proud to have played a part in this for the last 10 years. This year's theme is Heroes & Heroines and brings you lots of exciting events:

Opening with Exploding Whale's compelling theatre production of *Heroes & Heroines* a story of friendship, growing up and loneliness set to Bowie's *The Rise & Fall of Ziggy Stardust & The Spiders from Mars*. Joe & Billie's humdrum lives are changed forever after witnessing Bowie performing 'Starman' for the first time on *Top of the Pops*. Determined to go to Bowie's upcoming London gig, the friends leave home on a journey of self discovery.

We are very excited to be joining forces with *The Poodle Club* bringing us 6 comedy greats; Arthur Smith, with Sydenham's own Ben Norris, razor-sharp David Mills, South London diva Arielle Souman, Toussaint Douglas and Gráinne Maguire.

In collaborations with TNG & Sydenham Film Club we'll have screenings of *Matilda*, and *Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri*.

Join us on 30th June for Music in Mayow Park - live music from local talent, food and drink, with free fun activities in the park in collaboration with Perry Vale Assembly's Lark in the Park. Performances by Bristol City Poet 2018, Vanessa Kisuule and singer/songwriter, Jill Jackson at St Bartholomew's Church. And for our final night we present Witt and Camp's outrageous musical comedy duo. The Artists' Trail brings you visual arts over two weekends. See you there. For all dates and times go to sydenhamarts.co.uk.



A vibrant, multi-colored geometric poster for the 2018 People's Day Festival. The central text reads '2018 PEOPLE'S DAY FESTIVAL' in large white letters, with 'SATURDAY 7 JULY' below it. The event is located at 'Mountsfield Park' and 'Catford SE6 1AN'. The poster lists several acts: 'ESKA', 'CHAINSKA BRASSIKA', 'UNIT 137 SOUND SYSTEM', 'BARBARELLA'S BANG BANG', and 'WE DO GOOD DISCO'. It describes the festival as 'An amazingly eclectic programme of music, dance, comedy and cabaret across seven stages. Plus great street food and bars, a funfair, artisan craft market, sports arena and lots of free activities for all ages.' At the bottom, it provides the website 'WWW.LEWISHAM.GOV.UK/PEOPLES DAY' and social media links 'FACEBOOK.COM/PEOPLES DAY' and '@PEOPLES DAY'. Logos for various partners like Lewisham Arts Council, L&Q, Lewisham Southwark College, Lewisham Homes, Chartwells, Goldsmiths, and Fusion are at the very bottom.