



Lewisham

# Sydenham

Winter  
2018

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# Christmas in Sydenham

## 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

- Mayor's question & answer session
- Local democracy review
- SNT report & Community updates
- Fun Palace feedback
- St Philip Neri build update
- Voting on funding

## Sydenham assembly fund £12,500

At the last meeting we agreed on our local priorities for funding. At this meeting we will hear from each of the shortlisted applicants and we will then vote on each project we want to fund.

## Projects

- Sydenham Community Library** Rhyme time for under 5s - £1,410  
Children's crafts £380 and Adults crafts - £740
- Sydenham Art** #sixty Multi-art events for the over 60s - £1,500
- Kirkdale Green Improvement Group** - Community fun days - £1000
- SEE3** High street happenings - £2,000
- James Ross Hunter Youth Support** - SAFE project - £2,000
- Voluntary Services Lewisham** Christmas project - £2,000
- Lockwood Close Community Garden** Development of green spaces - £600

## Next Meeting

**Sat 1st December**  
**11:30am - 1:30pm**

**The Sydenham Library**  
**210 Sydenham Road SE26 5SE**  
Buses 202, 194, 450

**Next meeting** 5 March 2019  
at The Catholic Club  
7pm

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## Festivities at Sydenham Library

### 1st December Assembly

Where we are delighted to have Mayor Damien Egan

**1:30-3:30pm** enjoy mince pies, tea, coffee, mulled wine and Licensed bar

### 2 pm Cinderella

Free show from SEE3 in collaboration with Spontaneous Productions

**2:30 - 3:30pm** Free children's craft - making Christmas lanterns

**3:30-4:00pm** Carols and Lighting of the Christmas tree at the library piazza with Mayor Damien Egan



## 8th December Festivities

**1, 2, 3 & 4pm** Performances of *Cinderella*

The Sydenham Centre  
44a Sydenham Road SE26 5QX

**4:30 - 5:00pm** Carols and St Philip Neri Brass Band plus Lighting of the Christmas tree with Ellie Reeves MP  
Queensthorpe Square  
(opposite the Post Office)



## Christmas fun!

SEE3 have been hard at work to compile their 7th Christmas calendar to highlight seasonal events in Sydenham and Forest Hill. Online version available on [www.see3.com](http://www.see3.com)



**Saturday, 24th November Winter Fair 11am-3 pm Sydenham Garden** Festive treats, music, children's activities, homemade produce and plants. £1 entry, 50p concessions. [Sydenhamgarden.org.uk](http://Sydenhamgarden.org.uk)

**Saturday, 24th November Christmas Fair, 12 - 4pm St Bartholomew's Church** Crafts, games, gifts, Father Christmas and entertainment. Cakes, chocolate, chutneys, candles and fairly traded goods. Lunch, mulled wine – free entrance! [stbartschurchsindenham.org](http://stbartschurchsindenham.org)

**Fri - Sun 30th November - 2nd December Christmas Market at Horniman Museum 5:30-9:30pm on Fri 10am - 5:30pm Sat & Sun** Join us for some festive shopping as the Museum is filled with stalls and products by independent sellers, and local designers. Free entry.

**Saturday, 1st December Cinderella panto 2pm • Children's craft 2:30 - 3:30 • Carol Singing 3:30pm • Lighting of the Tree at Library piazza 4pm** Come and officially ring in the festive season with the Mayor of Lewisham! [Sydenham Library](http://Sydenham Library).

**Sat & Sun, 1st & 2nd December Christmas Market 10am - 6pm Alexandra Nurseries** Independent local makers selling original handmade gifts and seasonal food and drink. Mulled wine and mince pies plus Christmas trees! [alexandranurseries.co.uk](http://alexandranurseries.co.uk)

**Saturday, 8th December Cinderella Panto at 1, 2, 3, 4 pm Sydenham Centre** This is a free event. **Lighting of tree at Queensthorpe square** by Ellie Reeves MP.

**Thursday, 13th December The Polar Express screening at 4pm** Free cinema screening brought to you by Sydenham Arts. Book through [sydenhamarts.co.uk/whats-on](http://sydenhamarts.co.uk/whats-on) as seats are limited. Doors open at 3:30pm

**Friday, 14th December Kelvin Grove Primary School Christmas Fair 3:30-5:30pm** Come enjoy activities, games, crafts and stalls. Mince pies, mulled wine Santa grotto. Great raffle prizes and much more!

## Local Democracy Review

Every day the council has to make difficult decisions on over 800 different services. The new Mayor, Damien Egan, has pledged in his manifesto that he would review how residents, local communities and businesses are involved in local democracy and pledged to make sure that everyone has a chance to have their voice heard. This was agreed in the first full Council meeting in July 2018.

The Local Democracy Review Working Group was set up to allow the local community to be able to make recommendations to the Council about how the Mayor and local government could:

- increase their openness and transparency
- increase public involvement in Council decisions
- promote effective decision-making.

Please come along to the Assembly on 1st December and take part in the consultation, or visit [www.lewishamdemocracy.com](http://www.lewishamdemocracy.com) and have your say.



## Mayor's Q&A

The new Mayor of Lewisham, Damien Egan, announced his intention to visit every assembly in Lewisham over the course of his first year in office. We applaud his eagerness to involve all and his hands-on approach and accessibility. We are delighted and excited to be welcoming Damien to our 'Christmas' Assembly on 1st December at Sydenham Library to answer your questions. Damien will also be doing the honours of lighting the Christmas Tree at 4pm on the Library Piazza.



## Cinderella Panto

Spontaneous productions in association with Kirkdale Bookshop present a **FREE** Christmas panto for all ages. All the magic, romance and wonder of the original fairytale plus songs and music familiar to fans of a certain Swedish super-group!

**Saturday 1st December 2pm Sydenham Community Library**

**Saturday 8th December Upstairs at The Sydenham Centre, at 1pm, 2pm, 3pm, 4pm.**

Show lasts about 30 mins. No need to book, just turn up early to guarantee the best seats. Please note the different venues! For more info go to [www.spontaneousproductions.co.uk](http://www.spontaneousproductions.co.uk)

Thanks to the generous funding from Lewisham Council, supported by SEE3 also sponsored Property World, R. Woodfall opticians, Billings Fishmonger & Butchers, Alexandra Nurseries and Well Being health food shop.



## First Ever Sydenham Fun Palace

A growing movement has been sweeping the nation. Sydenham and Lewisham are proud to have taken part in hosting a Fun Palace for the first time ever. This took place in early October and inspired many residents to take part as either teacher or attendee.

Fun Palaces are local people sharing and showing/teaching their particular skills or knowledge for free. This is held in a community space made available to them.

Sydenham councillor and chair of Sydenham Assembly Liam Curran said: "The Assembly voted to try our first-ever Fun Palace and it was a resounding success. It's a great event that helps to build community spirit, enables people to learn more about

their neighbours and their neighbourhood and can spark new social action and activities in the area.

We were delighted that all sections of the community rose to the challenge including young people, the police, beekeepers, artists, singers, dancers, gardeners, cooks, photographers, piano players and many more. Usually fun palaces are held at one location but such was the enthusiasm that we held it at four venues – Sydenham library, the New Generation Youth Centre, the Sydenham Centre and the Grove Church Centre."

If you want to take part in next year's Fun Palace please contact: [laura.luckhurst@lewisham.gov.uk](mailto:laura.luckhurst@lewisham.gov.uk)





## NEWSinBRIEF

### Parking on Sydenham Hill outside Bluebell Close

Lewisham Council continues to work with Southwark and Transport for London to seek a solution to reduce the length of the bus space. This will return the much needed parking spaces to local residents. Statutory consultation is expected soon.

### Traffic calming on Sydenham Hill

Look out for the consultation on proposals to provide traffic calming along Sydenham Hill and give your views.

**Rise in burglaries** There has been a sharp increase in burglaries in Upper Sydenham. The police advise you to be alert and report anything out of the ordinary. Further information on keeping your home safe on [www.met.police.uk/a/your-area/met/lewisham/sydenham](http://www.met.police.uk/a/your-area/met/lewisham/sydenham)

### Vision for a 24 hour London

Following Sadiq Kahn's launch, Lewisham is developing their own night time economy strategy. A successful strategy would be diverse in its offering. We want to hear from you to help develop a shared vision. Go to [lewisham.gov.uk](http://lewisham.gov.uk) search for 'lewisham evening and night time community' and have your say. Deadline 18 December.

### Our Lady and St Philip Neri

**School Construction** Due to serious concerns about multiple breaches of the planning application by the builders of Our Lady and St Philip Neri Primary School, Lewisham Council planners have been in discussion with them and are waiting for the breaches to be rectified. An update will be available at The Sydenham Assembly.

### Sydenham Crown Post Office

Despite petitions totaling 3,000 signatures and the overwhelming opposition of the local community, Sydenham Crown Post Office has closed and been reopened as a franchise post office. Councillor Liam Curran responded saying "such closures generally result in longer queues, job losses and a poorer service but the Council will continue to work for a vibrant high street."

**Over 55s Yoga 1 -2pm** for people wanting a gentler and slower practice. Any donation between £1-8. Drop-in sessions at The Sydenham Centre, 07939 914 450 text only please.

## Best Independent Business Award won by Ignition Brewery, Congrats!



Sydenham's very own Ignition Brewery has won the Mayor's Award for Best Independent Business! Operating out of the Sydenham Centre, Ignition Brewery has been producing delicious beer since 2015 and has quickly become a highly-valued part of the local community. The brewery offers training and employment to residents with learning disabilities and pays them at the London Living Wage. As well as selling their products in local pubs and retailers, Ignition has recently opened their own tap room in the Sydenham Centre at 44A Sydenham Road SE26 5QF.

**Opening Hours: Thursday 5-9pm, Friday 5-10pm, Saturday 2-10pm.**

Visit the website for more details on products at [www.ignition.beer](http://www.ignition.beer) or follow on twitter @ignitionbeer.



Mayor Damien Egan (right) presenting the award to Nick O'Shea, Trustee of Ignition Brewery, with Kevin Sheehan, Executive Director for Customer Services.

## Not the only great business

The Poodle Club is back in force with an amazingly strong programme of comedy nights on Fridays and Saturdays through November and December. If you haven't already attended one of their evenings do try them out as you won't be disappointed.



Their cozy venue at 167 Sydenham Road SE26 5HB boasts a friendly bar and is near other much loved Sydenham hostleries such as the Dolphin, Trattoria Raffaele and the Golden Lion. Why not make a night of it and #supportlocal! Shows every Friday and Saturday night. For details and tickets go to [www.poodleclub.co.uk/shows](http://www.poodleclub.co.uk/shows) or [www.facebook.com/thepoodleclub/](http://www.facebook.com/thepoodleclub/)

## Spooktacular!

With a crowd of close to 800 on the 31st October, the high street was heaving with ghouls, ghosties and beasties. Phantoms rocked to the live music of Afrige, while the annual costume competition was taking place at the Sydenham Centre. The Greyhound Halloween Social gave us truly awesome entertainment whilst the Haunted House at the Poodle Club terrified us, especially zombies chasing us through the garden. The ghouls at Whites Pet Centre completed the terror.

A massive thank you to all the traders, Classic Trophies for the winners' medals, and Sainsbury's Local for donating all the prizes.



**Winners: Best Costume** - Mochi (aka Spider Dog) won £25 voucher  
**Most original costumes** - Christian Hayes, Purdy & Irving Milner Hayes, and Mala Shahi for their puppet master and puppets costumes. **Funniest costume** - Alfredo Ruaro-Lane for his inflatable Frankenstein outfit. **Scariest costume** - Ruben for the terrifying clown and chainsaw.