



# Sydenham

Summer 2021

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## ASSEMBLY MEETING

The Assembly is an open meeting for the community that takes place four times a year. Anyone who lives, works or studies in Sydenham is invited to attend. Help shape our future!

## ON THE AGENDA

- Mayor Damien Egan  
#FutureLewisham
- Police on Community Safety update
- Planning of Fun Palace
- Community Updates

## NEXT MEETING

**Saturday 12 June**  
**11am - 1pm**

Access link at  
[lewisham.gov.uk/  
localassemblies/  
sydenhamassembly](http://lewisham.gov.uk/localassemblies/sydenhamassembly)

**NEXT ASSEMBLY MEETING**  
**2 October at 11am**  
**SYDENHAM CENTRE**

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## Shop Safe Shop Local

All smiles in Sydenham as the high street opens up!

Our high street is at the heart and soul of our community. Being able to access shops and services within walking distance of home has been a lifeline for many of us during the pandemic. As things start to reopen, Lewisham Council has launched *Shop Safe Shop Local* to shine a light on local businesses and ensure they continue to be supported.

The Shop Safe Shop Local campaign is about helping Lewisham's high streets bounce back from the economic impact of the pandemic. Using a range of initiatives that include short films and tote bags, it champions the huge variety of fantastic independent businesses right on our doorsteps and highlights

the incredible range of products and services they offer.

The money spent on our high street goes directly back into the local economy which in turn safeguards jobs. Supporting independent business is crucial to the borough's economic recovery and to a vibrant high street everywhere.

Please join us at the first assembly meeting this year (all details in left panel), the first to resume in the borough! Mayor Damien Egan will be there to discuss in more detail Lewisham's recovery plan from the pandemic so we will be ready to make the most of being 2022's Borough of Culture.



All smiles at Angie's Flower Stall

For more information on your local high street please visit [SEE3.online](http://SEE3.online)

## Welcome Cllr Jack Lavery

Please welcome your newest councillor. Jack is a local economics teacher, school governor and community campaigner who is not afraid of getting his hands dirty. He has been out and about meeting residents on their doorsteps. Jack is delighted to have been elected and is pleased that Sydenham is slowly moving back towards normality after an extremely challenging year. "Sydenham has such a wonderful sense of community and I am looking forward to working with you to make Sydenham an even better place to live. I will fight to deliver more affordable homes, a good quality education for our children and ensure Sydenham high street remains a vibrant place at the heart of our community."



## Christmas Lights

Sydenham Community Project are happy to go ahead with their first event of 2021 to help raise funds to improve Sydenham's Christmas lights. In partnership with Ignition Brewery we give you a Karaoke night that will include cocktails, beer, raffle, a silent auction and singing galore. Please join us! It's free on **June 25th at 7pm.** All proceeds go to the cause.

For more information about this event, what we do, to make a donation or if you have an idea for a fundraiser, would like to host one or have any queries please get in touch at [sydenhamcommunityproject.com](http://sydenhamcommunityproject.com)



## Spontaneous Productions

With thanks to Lewisham Council for giving the go ahead, Spontaneous Productions has been able to launch an outdoor theatre for the summer season. This will take place in Mayow Park's bowling green. This started with *The Gingerbread Man* which ran in May and next up is a performance of *Animal Farm*, George Orwell's masterful satire, suitable for adults and children aged 11+ . The show will run for three weekends (six shows only!) at 2pm each day from **Saturday 26 June - Sunday 11 July.**

The season will round off with a spectacular, musical version of *Around the World in Eighty Days*. This is suitable for all ages, including adults! It will run for eight performances everyday from **Saturday 31 July - Sunday 8 August** at 2pm each day and will be featuring New Orleans jazz band Red Hot & Blue. The performances last approximately 90 minutes with no interval. As all shows are outside please remember to bring a blanket or chair for your comfort and why not bring a picnic too! For full details of shows, ticket prices and sales please go to [spontaneousproductions.co.uk](http://spontaneousproductions.co.uk)

## Sydenham Arts



Following a year of virtual programming during an incredibly challenging time for the arts, Sydenham Arts are excited to be able to start bringing back some much-loved favourites to our events programme for 2021 and beyond.

Film screenings will return to The Grove Centre starting at the end of June, with the comedy masterpieces *Hunt for the Wilderpeople* and *Kung Fu Hustle* in July (details in diary dates panel). Make sure to book early to ensure a spot. If you're not quite ready to head back out just yet, please join our Talking Films online meetup, which has a monthly playlist to watch from home! For next date and access link go to [sydenhamarts.co.uk/talking-films](http://sydenhamarts.co.uk/talking-films)

The Artists Trail takes place this year from the 11-19 September, with a mix of physical and virtual events and galleries, all featuring work from local artists. Sign up today via our website to take part!

We have many projects in the pipeline so please sign up to our mailing list to be kept up to date and not miss out at [sydenhamarts.co.uk](http://sydenhamarts.co.uk)

## ANIMAL FARM

A new version of George Orwell's masterful satire, suitable for adults and older children



'All animals are equal, but some animals are more equal than others...'

## JULES VERNE'S AROUND THE WORLD IN EIGHTY DAYS

Join Phileas Fogg on his epic global quest, suitable for all ages





# Calling all residents for Sydenham

## FUN PALACES



Sydenham is looking forward to its third Fun Palace that will be taking place on **Saturday 2 and Sunday 3 October** at the Sydenham Centre. Fun

Palaces are a great opportunity for the whole community to come together and share their skills, passions and interest in the arts, sciences and everything in-between. We need you to make it a success and celebrate learning, sharing and having fun!

Previously people shared their skills in beekeeping, laughter yoga, life-drawing,

dancing, puppet shows, photography, cardboard castle building, Victorian music hall and much more! We have even been treated to visits from police horses. Whatever your age, background or skill we invite you to get involved. If you have an idea for an activity you could provide or a skill you can teach at the Sydenham Fun Palace please get in touch with [sara.wickert@lewisham.gov.uk](mailto:sara.wickert@lewisham.gov.uk) or call **020 8314 9218**. If you would like more information please visit [funpalaces.co.uk](http://funpalaces.co.uk)

## London Borough of Culture 2022

Lewisham won their bid to become London's Borough of Culture back in 2020. Due to the pandemic this was delayed from 2021 to 2022. This prestigious award from the Mayor of London will see Lewisham stage a year-long programme of events to shine a light on our diverse neighbourhoods, communities and stories. Get ready for a whole borough celebration. From venues to parks and street corners, thousands of people will participate across the year, celebrating our borough's rich history of cultural activism through music, dance, public art and more.

We've partnered with the Albany and are working closely behind the scenes with cultural organisations, artists and communities across Lewisham. 2022 is our year and there are plenty of opportunities to get involved. Visit [iamlewisham.uk](http://iamlewisham.uk), follow us on Twitter or Instagram @IAmLewisham and sign up for the newsletter for the latest ideas and opportunities as we get ready to be London Borough of Culture!



**Every Thursday at 7.30pm**

**Jazz Night at On The Hoof**

Book at [www.onthehoofbistro.com](http://www.onthehoofbistro.com)

**Saturday 12 June at 7.30pm**

**Evening of Schubert's songs**

**St John the Evangelist, Upper Norwood.**

**Free but you must book online.**

**enSEmble26** A selection of Schubert songs and the gorgeous Trout Quintet.

Tickets and more details are available at

[www.ensemble26.com](http://www.ensemble26.com)

**Until Sunday 13 June**

**Virtual Art Show FREE**

[www.sydenham-school-pta.org](http://www.sydenham-school-pta.org)

Enter your art work to be part of the Sydenham School virtual Art Show. Your work will be displayed anonymously and then from **June 17-25** the art will go on sale. Once purchased, the artist will be revealed. Bag yourself a deal!

**Thursday 24 June 7.30pm £7**

**Movie Night at the Grove Centre**

A screening of *Hunt for the Wilderpeople*

**For more info or to buy tickets go to [sydenhamarts.co.uk](http://sydenhamarts.co.uk)**

**Friday 25 June at 7pm FREE**

**Karaoke Night, Ignition Brewery**

A fun night of singing, cocktails and beer, raffle and a silent auction all whilst raising funds for Sydenham Christmas lights. What better way to re-enter social life by supporting your community.

[sydenhamcommunityproject.co.uk](http://sydenhamcommunityproject.co.uk)

**Saturday 26 June - 11 July at 2pm**

**Animal Farm in Mayow Park**

Come enjoy theatre in Mayow Park's bowling green. Bring a blanket and snacks! For more info and to book tickets go to [spontaneousproductions.co.uk](http://spontaneousproductions.co.uk)

**Tuesday 29 June**

**Great Walrus Tea Party**

To celebrate the 120th anniversary of the Horniman Museum and Gardens, they invite you to throw a great Walrus tea party and raise some much-needed funds. For more info go to [horniman.ac.uk/walrusteaparty](http://horniman.ac.uk/walrusteaparty)

**Thursday 19 July 7.30pm £7**

**Movie Night at the Grove Centre**

A screening of *Kung Fu Hustle* **For more info or to buy tickets go to [Sydenhamarts.co.uk](http://Sydenhamarts.co.uk)**

**Saturday 31 July - 8 Aug at 2pm**

**Around the World in Eighty Days Mayow Park**

Come enjoy theatre in Mayow Park's bowling green. Bring a blanket and snacks! For more information and to book tickets go to [spontaneousproductions.co.uk](http://spontaneousproductions.co.uk)

## Latest on Our Lady and St Philip Neri School

The conclusion of the independent Planning Inquiry found that contractors for the Archdiocese of Southwark failed to comply with planning consent given in 2016 to build the new school. As construction took place, it became clear that the building varied considerably from the granted planning permission. A number of public meetings were held with local residents, the Sydenham Society and councillors to find a solution. The Archdiocese submitted a section 73 application that would allow the builder to vary the agreed conditions but this was refused by the Council in October 2019 and a Planning Enforcement Notice was issued. The Archdiocese appealed this decision and the enforcement notice but lost and their appeal was dismissed. Lewisham Council are now in discussion with the Archdiocese on the next steps to take.



## Friends of Home Park

Building on the success of the previous Friends of Home Park (FOHP), the new committee has been busy! Volunteers have been out litter picking and planting by the library piazza. They are actively planning events for the local community, working on creating a café and/or having an ice cream van in the park. FOHP are also working with the Council's parks officer, in the hope of obtaining funding to purchase orchards, trees, benches and new bins. They, additionally, have a long term plan to raise funds for a new playground. If you would like to attend the next meeting it is



Tuesday 6 July at 8pm at Our Lady & St Philip Neri School. You can find them on Twitter & Instagram **@HomeParkSE26** or on Facebook @ Friends Of Home Park (FOHP), Sydenham.

## Sydenham Hill

The planning permission granted to The City of London Corporation (CoL) to redevelop part of the Sydenham Hill Estate has been quashed.

It would seem that the planning committee was not given the full extent of the harm the proposed four, six and seven-storey buildings would do to the heritage of the listed buildings and the conservation area in the surrounding area.

The Friends of Mais House have been campaigning for a more sensitive development and were behind the Judicial Review that challenged the permission to provide the 110 residential units.

## SNT

The recent ward panel gave SNT a new focus, driven by the demands of residents. SNT is targeting anti-social behaviour on e-scooters and looking to deter thieves of catalytic converters through their patrols.

Ward panels meet every three months, and are always looking for new members. If you would like to help drive the priorities of your ward, please get in touch to join.

The SNT team will be delivering crime prevention advice and conducting targeted patrols in areas where we have had reported incidents. Please report all crimes directly on **[www.met.police.uk](http://www.met.police.uk)** or by dialling 999/101. It is only through reporting that we can know where crimes occur and what to tackle. For general enquiries relating to Sydenham email **[sydenham.snt@met.police.uk](mailto:sydenham.snt@met.police.uk)**

## Poodle Club

Poodle club found themselves in a little bit of (hot) water and are looking to the community for a little help. The sewage flood which ruined the floors and stage of the club has kept them from reopening. Sadly the landlord is refusing to accept responsibility and they are facing a particularly challenging road to recovery but want to reopen as soon as possible.

Meanwhile they will also be doing live fundraising events, eBay auctions etc. so follow them on social media. Make sure to check their website for upcoming events at **[poodleclub.co.uk](http://poodleclub.co.uk)** and if you would like to make a donation please do so at **[gofund.me/c14962de](http://gofund.me/c14962de)**