



Sydenham

Autumn 2021

www.lewisham.gov.uk/localassemblies/sydenhamassembly

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

- Fun Palace opening
- NCIL/Main Grants funding
- Community Updates
- Q&A Session

NEXT MEETING

Saturday 2 October
11am - Noon

SYDENHAM CENTRE

44A Sydenham Rd
SE26 5QX

Buses 194, 202, 450, 75

NEXT MEETING in the new year
to decide on the funding

YOUR COUNCILLORS



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NCIL Fund

Lewisham Council is set to open two funding programmes this month: Ward NCIL and the 2022-25 Main Grants Programme. Nearly £3 million in funding through the Neighbourhood Community Infrastructure Levy (NCIL) Fund is focussed on improving infrastructure and meeting needs resulting from increased development in an area. Sydenham Ward's NCIL priorities were agreed on in January 2020. They are: transport and streets; open/green spaces and nature; community safety; air quality; community facilities and community health and wellbeing. A total of £88,084 will be available for projects benefiting residents of Sydenham.

The Council will also be launching a new Main Grants Programme with £7 million in funding available over the next 3 years for community groups across Lewisham. Successful applicants will need to address the following themes: an economically sound future; a healthy and well future; and a future we all have a part in. To find out more about what you can apply for under each of these themes please check the website and fund guidance. Applications for both funds will open later this month so please visit **communityfunding.lewisham.gov.uk** or contact your ward assembly officer at **Sara.Wickert@lewisham.gov.uk** to find out more.



St Christopher's CARE

St Christopher's Hospice is delighted to invite you to the public opening of their Awareness and Response to End of life (CARE) on **Saturday 25 September from 1 to 4pm 57-59 Lawrie Park Rd SE26.**

There will be immersive activities to help you explore the meaning of living well, dying well and being remembered for what matters plus there will be free ice cream!

Wander around the thought-provoking art exhibition and life scrolls curated in partnership with the Museum of London and the Horniman Museum. Contribute to a community COVID-quilt or wall mural and browse the pop-up shop. Take a rest on the *Time to Talk* bench or spend time in the peaceful landscaped gardens.

Pippa Moss, a local resident who works as an education support officer for CARE says: "It's a fantastic place to work - bright and welcoming. Such a resource for the local community and beyond." For further info contact **communityaction@stchristophers.org.uk**



Sydenham Fun Palace

Please join us for a weekend of free fun at the third annual Sydenham Fun Palace!

Last year's was sadly cancelled due to COVID restrictions so this will be the first opportunity for residents to meet in person, to say hello to neighbours and check in and hear the latest community news. Being on the road to recovery we can all contribute on how to keep our community safe and help support our traders in the high street.

Saturday 2 October
12 to 5

11 am

We are honoured and delighted that Lewisham's three Mayoresses will officially open the Fun Palace. They have been busy supporting residents through the pandemic and the urgent need for foodbanks. They have been helping with the vaccination programme and that we will be ready for necessary flu and booster jabs.

The first in-person Sydenham Assembly meeting in over a year, chaired by Cllr Chris Best, which will include the NCIL launch and Q&A on community issues. Find out more about the work of the Sydenham Society, Sydenham Arts and many of our other local groups.

11.15 am

12 pm

The fun (palace) officially begins with entertainment for the whole family and performances from local schools. Food and craft stalls, tombola, Christmas light lucky dips and much much more

A Children's Corner will include

- A Paint a Smile Workshop

- A Pop-up poster competition
- Make a Daisy art pouch stuffed with lavender.

For teens and adults

- Hoola Hoop workshop from Planet Hoop
- Icelandic taster session
- Smart phone photography workshop

2 pm

Ignition Brewery will be hosting a craft and food market outside and selling your favourite tippie in the community tap room.

Sunday 3 October
11 to 3

In celebration of Silver Sunday, national day for all generations to come together, Lewisham's Positive Ageing Council's Silver Sunday online Zoom event will be broadcast at the Fun Palace. In front of a large screen people will be able to take part in different activities activity workshops including:

11 am

- crafts
- painting
- Tai Chi
- dance
- singing
- musical performances and more!

Other activities include

- A drawing class (11-1pm)
- A poetry workshop

Adult Learning Lewisham will offer tasters in

- Family Learning



2 & 3 October

Sydenham Centre

Noon-5pm Saturday

(directly after Assembly)

11-3pm Sunday

44a Sydenham Rd, SE26 5QX

Buses 202, 450, 75, 194

Cycle racks are available nearby

Sydenham station is 5 minutes away



The programme is still being arranged and has not been finalised. If you have a talent you wish to share please contact Sara.Wickert@lewisham.gov.uk and come and participate for a fun filled weekend to bring our community together. Look out for details of the full programme online at funpalaces.co.uk/fun-palace/sydenham-fun-palace t @SydFunPalace f @ Sydenham Fun Palace

- Creative health
- Wellbeing sessions

Heritage exchange will give a talk about Sydenham past and present plus will explain how to research your ancestry.

- Ignition tap room will host the Bromley

Beekkeepers exhibition and offer talks on bee keeping to sustain the environment. They will also be selling their delicious honey.

- The police horses always being a hit and a draw and subject to being called away, we look forward to welcoming them again along with an interactive crime scene.



Diary Dates

Thursday 23 September

Whisky Tasting

Ignition Brewery

Come for a fun evening of top of the line whisky tasting with the opportunity to purchase. For more information contact hello@ignition.beer

Saturday 25 September

St Christopher's CARE

Come to the CARE open day. See more details on page 1 **51-59**

Lawrie Park Road, SE26 6DZ

Saturday 25 September

Karaoke

Ignition Brewery

Come and join us for an evening of fun singing your favourite tunes. For more info contact hello@ignition.beer

Thursday 30 September

Sydenham Arts Film

Isle of Dogs

7:30pm (doors 7pm) £7

Discover magical world and intricate detailing of director Wes Anderson in this pooch-tacular stop-motion comedy! **Grove Centre, 2 Jews Walk, SE26 6PL. Tickets and more info at sydenhamarts.co.uk/events**

Saturday 2 & Sunday 3 October
Sydenham Fun Palace

11am-5pm (3pm on Sunday)

Free Come along and take part in this spectacular community event at the Sydenham Centre.

Thursday 14 October

7pm Prices start at £6 (free for those experiencing hardship)

Zoom Event

Come and join this wonderful speaker event hosted by Sydenham School in celebration of Black history Month.

Tickets available at

sydenham-school-pta.org

SYDENHAM SCHOOL PTA SPEAKERS EVENT

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

THURS 14 OCT 2021

Sponsored by KFH

SPEAKERS INCLUDE:

SHARON KABULI School governor, ex-pup
SABRINA FLEURIMÉ Black British professional in STEM
YVETTE MILLER Founder of Black Cube International
BRENDA DACRES Deputy mayor
ZHANE KHAN Head Prefect
NORA FAKIM UK's Urban World Service
DOROTHEA SMART Lecturer, poet and fire artist
ADE ONITOLO British diplomat and economic development specialist
RICHIE NELSEN Celebrating the 'Sitting Bull' Carnival
KAMILLE Singer, songwriter, producer & record label owner

Saturday 17 October

Jumble Sale

12noon to 3pm

St. Bartholomew's Church

4 Westwood Hill, SE26 6QR

Bric-a-brac, clothes for all ages, books, toys etc. Lunch, cakes, tea & coffee

Community Supermarket

Kelvin Grove and Elliot Bank Community Supermarket based at the Kelvin Grove Children's Centre (SE26 6BB) is now open to all low income or in emergency situations residents. This approach differs from a foodbank, as members of the supermarket will pay £3.50 to take home around £25 worth of groceries, including food and household essentials. For more information, call **0800 028 028** or email **getinvolved@lewishamhomes.gov.uk**



Sydenham Library

Sydenham Library is now back to a full service. Marianna, the new manager, comes with experience and fresh energy and will be joined by two new staff members. Previous manager Chrissie, after receiving funding from The National Lottery, will be offering advocacy services at the library.

V22 aims to extend opening hours by the end of the first week in October. New opening hours will be as follows:

Mon, Thurs, Fri 10 – 5, Tues 10 – 7pm, Sat 10 – 4.

Much work has been done on the library roof although it will not be completed until there is conclusive proof the library is watertight. For upcoming events and classes please go to **sydenhamlibrary.co.uk** plus look out for the reopening of the cafe in the coming weeks.

Spontaneous Productions

Come and see the wonderful production of *The Seven Voyages of Sinbad the Sailor* in his incredible journey as he tells his amazing story sailing the seven seas in search of adventure. Experience his exciting encounters with giant birds, an amorous mermaid, a hungry giant, dancing camels and a murderous sultan! The show is suitable for all ages. Showing at the **Sydenham Centre from Saturday 9th to Sunday 24 October at 2pm & 4pm each weekend day. These are revised dates due to unforeseen circumstances.**

Please contact **jonathan@sptheatre.co.uk** if you already have tickets for September dates to reschedule or for a refund. Apologies for any inconvenience caused. Book tickets online at **spontaneousproductions.co.uk** or buy tickets at Kirkdale Bookshop. Tickets will also be available at the door, subject to availability.



Ignition Brewery

Ignition has redecorated and refurbished the taproom to make it a hub of activity for the community. The taproom is reopening, refreshed, ready to bring you beer and a warm welcome.

Opening hours will expand and Ignition will offer support to residents with learning disabilities who want to start their own business.

The last 18 months have been interesting but we are hugely grateful to our customers and Lewisham Council for their support, encouragement and good wishes during this time.

Ignition is to adapt to this new era with a new look, plenty of fresh air and a hot-pink ceiling in the taproom. What could be better?

Christmas Lights

Sydenham Community Project continues to fundraise towards transforming our high street Christmas lights. This year we should enjoy a much more festive high street. Our next goal is to instal sockets and lighting at Kirkdale and Dartmouth Road and hope to accomplish that for Christmas 2022. To donate and keep up to date of upcoming events go to **sydenhamcommunityproject.com**

Artist open call

As part of London's *Borough of Culture*, Lewisham Council are looking for two artists, or artists collectives, to be at the heart of the Council for 6 months, working closely with Counterpoints Arts. Selected artists will be resident in either the council's Climate Emergency or Borough of Sanctuary team (this latter open to artists or collectives who have lived experience of displacement or resettlement) exploring key issues and creating work as part of Refugee Week 2022. If you are a UK based artist who is passionate about the power of culture go to **www.iamlewisham.uk/post/call-out-artists-of-change** to find out more and express interest: closing date is 1 October. Also watch out for the next Borough of Culture funding round due to launch in January 2022.

Affordable homes

Construction has begun on 11 new genuinely affordable homes at Brasted Close, Sydenham.

These will be available for purchase well below the market rate. London Community Land Trust are inviting applicants to apply for six 2-bedroom, three person homes priced at £272,500. There are also five 1-bedroom, 2 person homes priced at £215,000. To be eligible you need to have lived in Lewisham for at least 5 years (preference is given to those in Sydenham and Forest Hill) and be able to demonstrate housing need and be able to obtain a mortgage. To find out more, email **allocations@londonclt.org**