

Calling all local artists

Would you like to see your artwork as part of the redeveloped Greyhound pub? Now's your chance! Purelake, developers of the site, together with the Sydenham Society, have launched a new design competition to instal a piece of public art constructed from ceramic tiles on the north wall of the building (it replaces the previous competition which failed to find a winning entry). The competition is open to anyone who lives, works, or studies within 2km of the Greyhound, and their family and friends. The design should capture "The essence of Sydenham" and there is a £1,000 prize for the winner. Entries must be submitted before the end of March, and the winner will be announced by the end of April. To receive a competition brief, email: greyhoundcompetition@gmail.com or write to: Greyhound Competition, c/o 43 Bishopsthorpe Road London SE26 4PA, before March 17 2012.

WANTED!

£1,000 PRIZE



Greyhound Pub Wall Design Competition.

Open to people who live, work or study within 2 km of the pub in Sydenham and their families & friends.

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Future events in Sydenham

Sydenham Arts Festival 2012

The 2012 Sydenham Arts Festival will take place from July 1-15 as part of Lewisham's Cultural Olympiad celebrations. If you'd like to get involved please contact the Festival Administrator at operationssaf@gmail.com

Jazz at the Golden Lion SE26 5JX

John Donaldson Quartet – Tuesday March 27, 8.30pm

One of the most exciting pianists of British jazz presents his new line-up.

Mario Castronari Quartet – Tuesday April 24, 8.30 pm

Bass-player Mario is one of the great stalwarts of the London jazz scene.

Sydenham Film Club at the Golden Lion

Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy – the 2011 version of the classic spy thriller; Thursday March 29, 7.30pm; £5

Soundtracks: a special concert for spring

An evening of songs composed by St Christopher's patients and students from the BRIT school. Saturday March 24, 7.30- 9.30pm, Dame Cicely Saunders Room, St Christopher's Hospice. For tickets, phone 8768 4747 or email:

d.calvert@stchristophershospice.org.uk

Community car boot sale proposal

Sydenham Community Radio would like to help themselves and others raise funds from a community car boot sale in the lower Girton Road car park early on Sunday mornings, monthly from May 2012. There is a great deal of support for this proposal, which will be discussed at the Assembly. For more information email:

annabaghari@sydenhamradio.co.uk



Jazz pianist John Donaldson

Your local assembly, your say

Play an active role in improving Sydenham today and help shape the Sydenham of tomorrow

Welcome to the Sydenham Assembly Spring 2012 newsletter. The Assembly is an open community meeting that takes place four times a year. The meetings are an opportunity for you to help shape the future of the local area and anyone who lives, works or learns in Sydenham is welcome to attend and participate. Thank you for your support in helping to make Sydenham a better place to live, work and learn. We look forward to welcoming you on Tuesday 6 March.

At the next meeting

- Sydenham Road Regeneration – works and timetable
- Launch of the new town centre website
 - Lower Sydenham
- Closure of Sydenham Police Station
 - Round table discussion on the high street
 - Question & answer session on local issues

Next meeting

Tuesday 6 March
7-9pm
The Grove Centre
2 Jews Walk
Sydenham
SE26 6PL



Plans for the new Sydenham youth centre on display at a recent Assembly meeting (see inside for details)

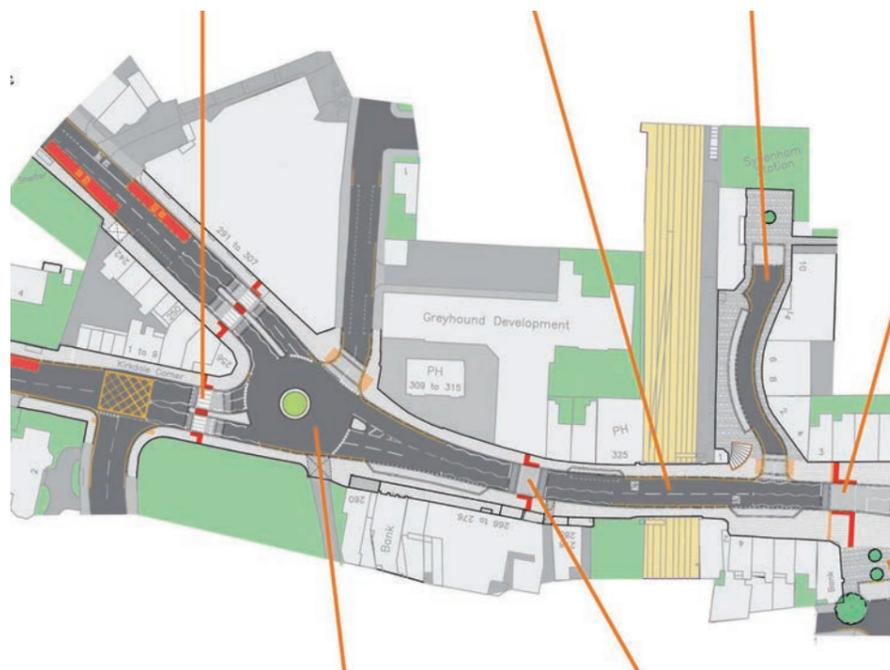
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Sydenham Road regeneration



Work will begin in April 2012 on a £1.8m new-look high street for Sydenham plus a £310,000 renovation of Sydenham Station Approach. The work is expected to be completed by April 2013. In order to avoid disruption to vehicles, shoppers and pedestrians, the first projects to be tackled will be the pocket parks at the end of Venner Road and Queensthorpe Road, and in front of the post office. Initial work will also begin on Station Approach which will include a high-quality pedestrian-only area to the front of the ticket office.

Construction of new £3.5m youth centre is under way

The New Generation is a youth venue located in Wells Park Road, Sydenham which will combine state-of-the-art equipment and high quality facilities. The development will include:

- A new multi-use hall with theatre facilities
- Social enterprise cafe
- A climbing wall
- IT / education suites
- A full-size external multi-use games area

The youth centre is expected to open in winter 2012/13.

Above: architect's impression of the new youth centre; right: clearing the site in Wells Park Road



Launch of town centre website

An exciting new shopping and business website for Sydenham has just been launched. Called www.sydenhamtowncentre.com it will be a means of promoting the high street and will help drive forward the regeneration of Sydenham Road. It's the initiative of the Sydenham Traders Association and Lewisham Council, and it will be formally launched on Tuesday 6 March at the Sydenham Assembly.

Its designer, Penelope Else, will present the site and explain how she sees it working to attract visitors and customers to businesses stretching from Cobb's Corner down to Bell Green and throughout SE26.



Localism Act – new group is formed

The Forest Hill and Sydenham Societies are playing a key role in the launch of a new and exciting local planning group. The group intends to take advantage of the Localism Act which received Royal Assent in November 2011. This Act has the lofty claim to "end the hoarding of power within central government and top-down control of communities, allowing local people the freedom to run their lives and neighbourhoods in their own way". Under the new legislation, local groups (Neighbourhood Forums) can get together to establish planning policies (Neighbourhood Plans) for their areas. Such plans have to take into account adopted national and borough policies. But Neighbourhood Plans (NPs) can strongly influence where developments, such as housing, can go and what they might look like. If you are interested in joining the group please e-mail: home@satchwellrobinson.co.uk

