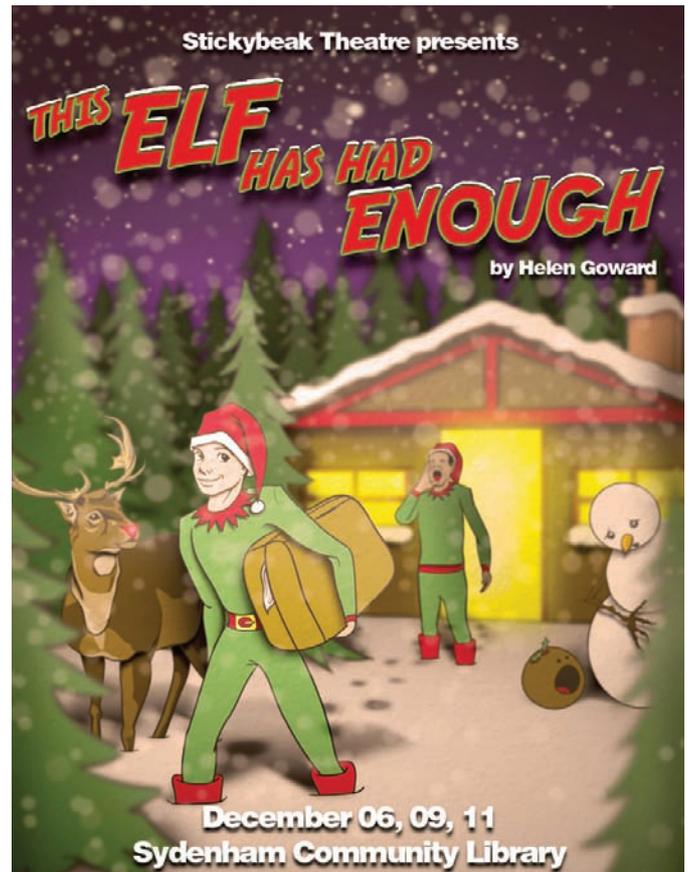
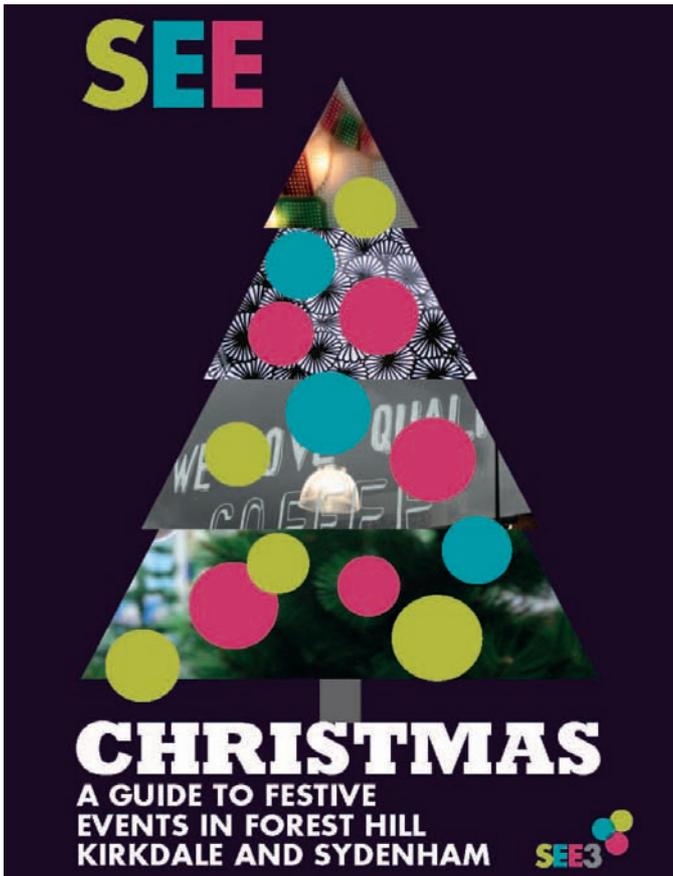


Celebrate Christmas in Sydenham

It's going to be an exciting and busy time this festive season!



Pick up a copy of the SEE3 2014 Christmas Calendar (above) in local shops, pubs, cafes and restaurants – the essential guide to over 100 Christmas events in the local area.

Stickybeak Theatre is very excited to be performing their new Christmas show *This Elf Has Had Enough* at Sydenham Community Library. Join Ernie the Elf in his bid to get best friend Ernie back into the toy workshop in a fun filled action-packed adventure for the whole family. The performance at the Literary Piazza launch on December 6th at 4pm is free, and is followed by the lighting of the Christmas tree. Plus there are two after-school performances at 4.30pm on the 9th & 11th December; tickets £5. Book your tickets at: www.stickybeaktheatre.com



Gina Watson

Saturday 13 December
11am-5pm
Venner & Queensthorpe Squares, Sydenham Centre and High Street

Sydenham Christmas Market and Extravaganza!

11am Market starts. Peter Caesar plays keyboards at Venner Square

Midday Craft workshop: Sydenham Centre

1pm Community concert: local choirs, plus Gina Watson, soprano, and The Frockettes

4.30pm St Philip Neri School Brass Band

4.45pm Santa & Christmas tree lighting, Queensthorpe Square

All events are free!



The Frockettes

Help out with the Assembly?

If you've got some design and layout skills, we're looking for an editor for this quarterly newsletter. Or can you spare the time to become an Assembly coordinator – this only requires a two-hour meeting every three months. To find out more, please contact Paul Gale on 020 8314 3387 or email him at: Paul.Gale@lewisham.gov.uk

Your local assembly, your say

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

At the next meeting

- Your chance to vote on the five projects submitted for the Sydenham Assembly fund
- Latest on The Greyhound
- Lower Sydenham Road: an update on all the improvements
- Managing waste



Who's been eating my porridge?

Wood carver Dave Evans puts the finishing touches to the Story Chair – just one of the funky items to be installed at the new Sydenham Community Library Literary Piazza. Parents and children: join us for an exciting series of pre-Christmas events on December 6 including children's theatre, meet Santa, singing and the lighting up of the tree.

Saturday 6 December

is a special day at

Sydenham Community Library

2pm-3.45pm Assembly meeting

4pm-6pm Celebrate the official opening
of the Literary Piazza!

210 Sydenham Road SE26 5SE

Buses 194, 202, 356 and 450 stop outside

Join us from 4pm-6pm for a family fun
extravaganza and celebrate all that's

best in Christmas:

- Theatre premiere of
THIS ELF HAS HAD ENOUGH
 - Meet Father Christmas
 - Xmas tree lighting
 - Choirs and carols
- All events free!

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Sydenham Assembly Fund: your chance to vote

The Assembly meeting on 6 December will be reviewing and voting on the following bids for the £12,500 Assembly fund:

■ **Funding events in Sydenham high street – £2,500**

To include events at Christmas, Easter and Halloween plus other activities.

■ **Funding for Sydenham Library events – £3,697**

To include events on the new piazza, music classes, literary events and entertainment.

■ **Funding street trees – £5,520**

Twenty-three new trees to be planted in residential streets.

■ **Support for setting up new Residents Associations – £1,190**

Starting with Wells Park Community Association.

■ **Funding creative surfaces on rear wall at Station Approach – £1,500**

Station Approach street art project.

Road scheme continues



The third phase of the Sydenham Road Improvement Scheme – from Kent House Road to the library – is now underway and is due to be completed by March 2015. The scheme includes new pavements throughout plus raised pedestrian walkways at the junctions of Watlington Grove and Fairlawn Park. New short-term parking bays will be constructed in front of St Philip Neri church hall.

Overground – five carriage trains arrive

Much needed relief for jam-packed passengers – by Easter 2015 all trains on the East London Line will be increased from four to five carriages

The first five-carriage train, capable of carrying 27 per cent more passengers, started service on the East London Line in the middle of November. Two more five-carriage trains will be introduced each week, so that by Easter 2015 all 24 trains on the line will have been upgraded to the new capacity.



The increased length of the new trains means that passengers will not be able to board or leave the train via the rear doors at Wapping, Whitechapel, Rotherhithe and Canada Water – all stations which have shorter platforms.

Passenger numbers have increased by almost five hundred per cent since the line opened. Now we need to press for the two extra trains per hour on the ELL (from Crystal Palace to Highbury & Islington) promised in London Overground's future plans.

The Greyhound to rise from the ashes!

After nearly eight long years, the news we've all been waiting for – The Greyhound is back and with it two new businesses for our high street

How it looks now – an ugly mess and a blight at the heart of Sydenham

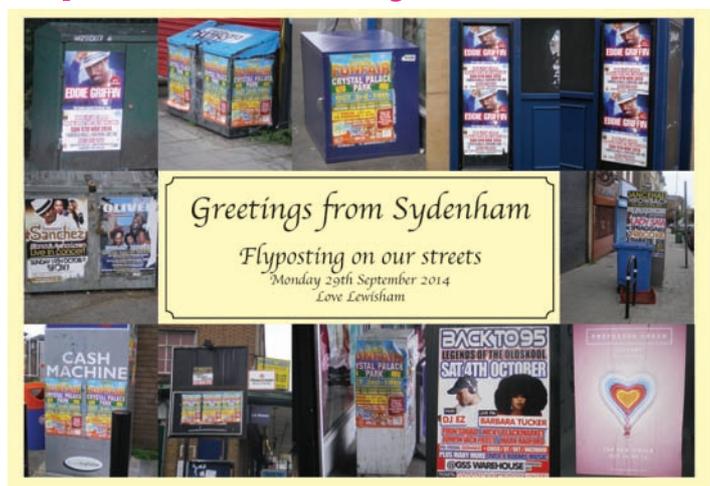
How it could look in April – a much-loved landmark returns to the high street



By the end of April 2015, eight long years after the pub closed, the Greyhound pub is to rise from the ashes. That's the great news after a loud campaign led by the Sydenham Society said "enough is enough" and asked the Sydenham Assembly to refer the matter to Lewisham's Mayor and Cabinet.

Under threat of a High Court summons from LBL, the developer agreed to return to the site and The Greyhound is now set to be rebuilt by April 2015. A number of pub operators are said to be interested and two new businesses are set to open to the rear and side of the new pub once building work is completed.

A postcard to Sydenham



Posters and stickers photographed in just one day on Sydenham Road

Our high street is rapidly developing into a thriving shopping centre thanks to the SEE3 initiative and the Sydenham Road Improvement Scheme. But the streetscene is being spoiled by an avalanche of ugly flyposting. Posters and stickers advertising circuses, fun-fairs, markets, nightclubs and mobile phone operators proliferate. Now a renewed effort is

being made to deal with this menace. Our street cleaners have been asked to remove these items, and we can play a big part by reporting the problem. Why not load down the Love Lewisham App on your phone? It's easy and quick to use and you can report



flyposting, dumped cars, faulty street lighting, flytipping and graffiti. Or you can call LBL on 020 8314 7171.



Sydenham councillors join locals in removing ugly stickers from the high street