



Lewisham

Sydenham

Winter
2016

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Next meeting
Saturday 3rd December
12pm - 2pm

**Sydenham Community
Library**

**210 Sydenham Road
SE26 5SE**

Buses 202, 194, 450

Agenda

- Voting on the Sydenham Assembly fund
- Update from Police Safer Neighbourhood Team
- Our Lady and St Philip Neri planning proposals
- Update on local community issues



Sydenham Assembly fund £12,500

**PLEASE COME AND HELP DECIDE HOW THE
ASSEMBLY FUNDS SHOULD BE SPENT FOR 2016/2017**

The Sydenham Assembly fund was launched at the meeting held on Tuesday 4th October. The following ward priorities were agreed:

- Vibrant High Street;
- Clean and Green — Helping to keep streets clean and appealing;
- Health and well-being;
- Community safety and anti social behaviour;

- Bringing the community together — intergenerational and intercultural activities.

The December meeting will hear a presentation from each of the shortlisted applicants that submitted a funding bid. The Assembly will then be asked to vote on each project. Please come and join the Assembly on Saturday 3rd December in order to help decide which projects to award funding.

Sydenham Christmas Market Saturday 10th December

Calling all interested traders to book a stall for the very last Sydenham market of 2016. The market is held every second Saturday of the month with a variety of exotic food, crafts and entertainment. If you would like to book a stall please contact markets@lewisham.gov.uk. Don't miss the Crystal Palace Brass Band between 12 noon and 3pm



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Message from the Councillors

Special thanks to the residents and speakers who attended all the meetings — it has been a busy year in Sydenham. A special thank you and round of applause to Mina Hobson Mazur, a pupil of St Bartholomew's Primary School, who opened the October meeting playing Bach on the viola.



Pantomime

Immediately after the Assembly on Saturday, December 3rd, Sydenham Arts and Simply Smiley Productions will keep up our recent tradition by converting Sydenham Community Library into a theatre for another fabulous free pantomime. Bring all the family for laugh-out-loud comedy and entertainment! This year's show is Christmas in the Jungle – "trek into the unknown and explore Christmas with the animals in the jungle!"



Come early—the show starts at 3.30pm. The show is sponsored by Property World Estate Agents and the London Borough of Lewisham.

The performance ends at 4.30pm, when Father Christmas and his reindeer will lead our festive folk to the Home Park Piazza for carols and Christmas tree lighting!

Halloween Celebrations

First there were no more than a few young exotic ghoulies and ghosties wandering onto the High Street at the appointed hour of 4pm to collect their trail maps. In no time the trickle became a stream that quickly swelled to full flood as more and more brightly decorated *enfants terribles*, babbling with excitement, poured in from all directions. The sound of wondrous excitement soon filled the air while the trick or treaters set about collecting their spoils from the bravest of traders, as they proffered their offerings to the clamorous throng.



ABOVE: Cllr Chris Best presenting the prize to best overall costume to Cavalli-Cha Sparrow – 6 years old

At 5pm they began to congregate in The Sydenham Centre to greet the hapless judges faced with the impossible task of choosing the three best costumes in the under 7s, over 7s and best homemade as well as overall winner from the array of magnificent sartorial endeavours.

We would like to thank all those who took part and helped to make this event the outstanding success it has become. A special thank you to the traders and volunteers, Alan at Classic Trophies and Jason at Budgens supermarket for their generous donations of prizes and to the spectre of death who refrained from collecting any souls.



AND OTHER WINNERS...
 ABOVE: Best homemade costume.
 FAR LEFT: Best over 7s costume.
 LEFT: Best costume under 7s.

Snapshot of the Year

March

- A creative poetry performance by Teatro Vivo.
- Main discussion points: car parking pressure, waste collection reforms, community safety & Lewisham local card.
- Launch of the poetry competition.



July

- Performance from the winners of the poetry competition - who were: Erika Alba, Mischa Sodoramo and Alex Mills.
- A presentation from the London Wildlife Trust informing the Assembly about their bid to the Lottery Heritage Fund to enhance the Great North Wood. The result of bid to be announced next year.
- Main discussions points were planning policy, community safety and the Greyhound public house

October

- Sydenham local priorities 2016/2017 were agreed and the Assembly funds launched. The Assembly received feedback from last year's funding award winners.
- Film screening of Black Inventors, and an update of Black History month event in Home Park
- Viola performance by Mina Hobson-Mazur of St Bartholomew's Primary School.
- Presentations on mental health (Certitude) and community gardening in Home Park (Freeway Union).



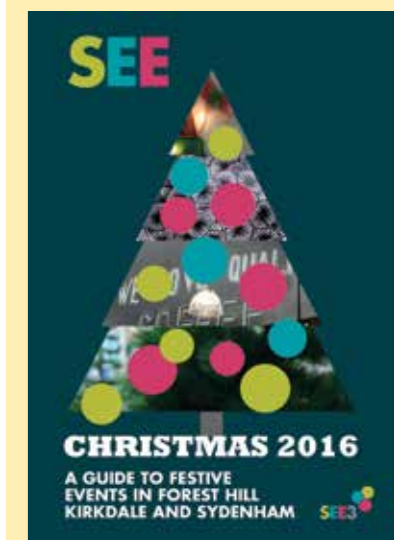
SEE3 Christmas Calendar

Once again the SEE3 Christmas Calendar has been compiled to highlight seasonal events in Sydenham, Kirkdale and Forest Hill. There will be an online version on the SEE3 website.

Christmas starts in Sydenham on Saturday 26 November !

- We launch with the indoor market at The Sydenham Centre from **12 noon until 4pm**. There will be entertainment including the ever popular and local resident Peter Caesar on keyboards.
- **Sydenham Christmas Tree lighting** switch on in Queensthorpe Square at 3:45pm with entertainment from 3pm and a special:
- Visit from Santa and his reindeer!

Get all the latest info and dates for the holiday season at www.SEE3.co.uk



Cobbs Corner update

The hoped for sale of the Greyhound to a local publican fell through but it is under offer again – could this be third time lucky? The state of the area around the building and the accumulated rubbish within the mesh fencing is an ugly eyesore and some guerrilla gardening by concerned local residents thankfully over the summer kept all of the trees alive and most of the weeds at bay.

We will shortly see the arrival of two more estate agents to join Robinson Jackson. Kinleigh, Folkard and Hayward have signed the lease for the second retail unit next to Sainsbury's and Lewisham Council have received a planning application for the new shopfront.

The empty unit at The Orb has had its application for A2 (office use) approved and we expect Acorn the estate agents to move to the unit from their current home at 54 Sydenham Road.

Regent House has changed hands and an application to turn the offices in Regent House into residential accommodation under "permitted development" was refused due to lack of information. We expect another planning application will be submitted. The Citizens Advice Bureau has relocated to new premises at the Leemore Centre, 29-39 Clarendon Rise SE13 5ES, a new community hub shared with other advice agencies in the centre of Lewisham. We



are looking forward to seeing a new business on the corner following the closure of the lease on Orange Blossom, the former wedding dress shop. In Sainsbury's local continues to serve the needs of residents from 7am –11pm seven days a week.

NEWS IN BRIEF

• Sydenham Newsletter

Thank you to Alexandra Bourdelon, a local resident who produces the Sydenham Assembly Newsletter.

• Black History Month

Big thank you to local resident Natasha Dhondee who organised the Black History Month event on 29 October at Sydenham Community Library and Home Park. It was a great success and we hope it will become a regular fixture on the Sydenham calendar.

• Assembly 2017

The Assembly 2017 will be Chaired by Councillor Christ Best.

Help out with the Assembly

If you've got some social media skills, we're looking for someone to promote the Sydenham Assembly – we have a page on Facebook but really need to get up to speed with the latest online methods of communication. 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 Laura Luckhurst on 020 8314 3830 or email her at: Laura.Luckhurst@lewisham.gov.uk

How can we help?

Your Sydenham Councillors hold drop in advice surgeries twice a month from 10:30am–11:30am – first Saturday at Sydenham Community Library, 210 Sydenham Road, SE26 5SE and third Saturday at The Sydenham Centre, 44a Sydenham Road, SE26 5QX. If you need help on national issues such as immigration, police and health then contact Jim Dowd MP on 020 8699 2001.

**Please make a note in your diary for the
next meeting on Tuesday 7 March
from 7 – 9pm at The Sydenham Centre.**