

SYDENHAM SOCIETY

NEWS

Summer 2013

Pop Goes Sydenham

The latest project from the SEE3 team, creating a buzz in Sydenham this summer.

Sydenham's hotting up with pop up shops

Keep your eyes peeled for the catchy SEE3 signage heading-up FOUR (intended) pop-up shops during May and June. SEE3 are pleased to confirm 167 Sydenham Road, 271 Sydenham Road and 5 Kent House Road as the next venues, and they are on the look out for a fourth.

At the time of going to print the team can confirm that vintage furniture and clothing shop Flash Trash along with jewellery and interiors brand Gunpowder Cheerypie will be moving into 167 Sydenham Road with an official launch on 18 May, with 271 Sydenham Road and 5 Kent House Road to open in subsequent weeks.

Supper Clubs for Sydenham

They're all the rage and Pop Goes Sydenham will be giving local people their very own ticketed supper clubs throughout June. SEE3 has joined forces with Belinda Lester, who brings stacks of expertise from her role with super-trendy food start-up support organisation Kitchenette. What you'll get is a range of gourmet dining experiences inside cafés and remodelled empty spaces on your doorstep!



Street Art

Sydenham Arts Festival attracted nearly 15,000 people last year proving the area's culture vultures do exist! In collaboration with this year's festival (from June-July 2013) and the Atrists Trail (artists' open house weekends during the festival); Pop Goes Sydenham will facilitate street art in and around Sydenham to inject colour onto drab walls and liven up forgotten spaces.

The team will also be collaborating with the Sydenham Arts Festival team to bring you Retail Therapy: pop up theatre and unique retail experiences in a variety of empty shops and spaces in the high street.

Club Night

Dust off your dancing shoes and join us for a very special one-off club night. There is a nightclub in Sydenham (Zanzibar, Cobbs Corner, in case you weren't aware), so let's use it. The team are aiming to bring a club night to Sydenham that locals might travel to nearby Shoreditch or Brixton to enjoy. Plans are still in the early stages so watch the website/Twitter or Facebook accounts for up-to-date information.

Join the newsletter for updates by visiting the website at www.see3.co.uk. You can also catch up with the team on Facebook page: WeareSee3, or follow on Twitter: @SEE3PortasPilot using the hashtag #popgoessyd.

Sydenham Street Food Market

The second Street Food market held on the last Sunday in April proved so popular that most stalls sold out of produce an hour before the market was due to close! Sited in the sunny, newly paved Venner Road Square, the twenty recently purchased stalls with their bright stripes provided an eye-catching spectacle which attracted passers by. It is expected that the Sydenham Market, to be held on the last Sunday of each month, will become a must not miss date on every Sydenham resident's calendar, alongside the monthly Forest Hill Craft and Handmade Food market and the Forest Hill Society's Food Fair. For details of how to obtain a stall for the next Sydenham Market or to hire a stall for another event contact: markets@see3.co.uk



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ARTICLES PLEASE!

If there is something you would like the society to tell everybody, or a local issue you feel strongly about, please send your article, maximum 300 words, to the editor.

Sydenham Society News is read by many local residents, old and new, so please spell out all acronyms and explain anything that a newcomer might not understand.

All articles are subject to editing by the Editorial team.

Email your article to the editorial team at:

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In an emergency dial 999

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For environmental noise nuisance call:
Lewisham Council **020 8314 6000**
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The deadline for articles for the next newsletter will be Friday 2 August

Council wins conviction against unauthorised demolition of Greyhound pub. Sydenham Society News helps with the conviction.

Lewisham Council gained a conviction against Purelake New Homes Limited for the unauthorised demolition of the Greyhound pub in Sydenham. The Company formally entered a plea of guilty at the Bromley Magistrates' Court on Tuesday 19 March and was ordered to pay £13,000 in costs to the Council to cover legal expenses and an additional fine of £5,000.

In determining the penalty, the Court took into account that Purelake New Homes Limited had offered a plea of guilty, was not likely to benefit from the development financially, agreed to pay prosecution costs and intended to rebuild the pub using original materials.

Copies of the Spring and Summer editions of Sydenham Society News containing photographs depicting the various stages of demolition during the first half of 2012 were offered as evidence of the unauthorised systematic demolition and unlawful redevelopment of the pub by Lewisham's lawyers.

January 2012 Roof gone and three chimneys, too.



May 2012 Greyhound reduced to front facade.



Greyhound July 2012 being rebuilt but not to agreed permission.



Greyhound latest

On 25 April, nearly a year after the Greyhound was due for completion, Purelake were granted permission to rebuild using the original materials. It is understood in terms of timescales, the first thing that needs to happen is the completion of a deed of variation to the legal agreement attached to the original permission granted in May 2010. Once that is done the planning permission can be formally granted.

The formal grant of permission will mean that Purelake are permitted to get back on site to remove the mezzanine floor they built without permission. However, before further work can be done Purelake will need to get some detailed matters approved by Lewisham's planning officers. For example, they will need to provide drawings to show that the detailed design is acceptable and identify which doors and windows will be replaced and which will be salvaged.

As residents we must hope that both Purelake and the council officers are keen to resolve the current situation and none of this takes too long, and that some of the tasks are done in parallel. For example, the detailed design can be agreed while the mezzanine floor is being removed. With that in mind, we can hope to see scaffolding going up soon, as soon as Purelake have sourced all the materials needed. It will still be sometime before the retail units can be fitted out as this is conditional on some of the interior works to the Greyhound being completed to the satisfaction of the planning officers.

Sydenham School Reunion

The Friends of Sydenham School invite former students, staff and governors to a Reunion at the school on **Saturday 8 June 2013 between 3 – 7.30pm**. As well as the opportunity to meet old friends there will also be a buffet, bar and a Tombola.

Registered as a charity in 1993, the Friends support the present day school as well as keeping in touch with former students and staff, organising a reunion every two years.

For further details and invitations please contact Ken Devine on 020 8699 6731 or email devinek@sydenham.lewisham.sch.uk Come and celebrate with us the 20th anniversary of our association.

Sheila Rees, Chair

Recent Changes to Recycling and Refuse Collections in Lewisham

Over the past three years, due to reduced central government funding, Lewisham Council has had to make changes to the services it provides to Lewisham residents. However, as a resident and Lewisham's Cabinet Member with responsibility for the Environment, I know how important the council's excellent refuse and recycling services are, as it is this dependable, regular service that also helps to keep our borough clean.

Lewisham currently spends more than £11m of its Customer Services budget on refuse collection and management of our waste. Of that £11m, £7m is spent on waste disposal fees. In order to make further savings to this budget, the council will speed up the collection service and further increase what we recycle. It is thanks to the SELCHP incinerator in Lewisham that Lewisham landfills only 8.5% of the borough's municipal waste. The remainder is incinerated providing electricity to power 48,000 homes.

Every household should have received a copy of Lewisham's updated refuse and recycling service standards, clearly stating the council's commitment to residents, and how residents can reciprocate to help maintain the services' high standards; however, one of the tough decisions that the Council has recently made in order to balance this year's budget was to withdraw the garden waste satellite collection. Since the service was introduced, it has been well received with the Girton Road site proving very popular.

The Refuse and Recycling Centre at Landmann Way continues to accept garden waste and the council still provides the paid for kerbside collection service, where the garden sacks

cost £10 for a roll of 10 and can be bought with a cash payment at all Lewisham's libraries, or online. The charge for the bags, introduced in 2003, covers the cost of garden waste collection and transportation to a compost site, so even if a resident wishes to use their own bags, there is still the £10 charge for the service itself.

Lewisham's garden waste collection crews visit Bellingham, Forest Hill, Perry Vale and Sydenham wards on Wednesdays. To book a collection when bags are full, call 020 8314 7171 before 12noon on the previous Tuesday. Unfortunately, the council cannot accept kitchen waste, vegetable peelings, and definitely not Japanese Knotweed!

In these austere times, all local authorities are reviewing their council service provision, and also services' fees and charges. Some authorities who have provided such services free in the past now, unfortunately, have to consider the introduction of charges to cover costs.

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Sydenham on the tipping point

At the first Sydenham Assembly in 2008 we agreed an Action Plan and slowly we have been delivering the improvements you wanted to see. Specific and relatively small elements in our environment can serve as "Tipping Points" and I believe that community influence can change the vision. Our next Sydenham Assembly at 7pm Tuesday 4 June will be held in the new youth centre in Wells Park Road – an opportunity to see this new centre for use by everyone in Sydenham. We will be working in small groups to review our progress and setting out a new set of priorities and actions for Sydenham. The specific as well as small changes in the past few months include:

- The high street improvement works are taking shape with the removal of the railings and the opening up of the pavement
- Sydenham Market on the last Sunday of the month with wonderful bright stalls – 20 stalls are now owned by SEES and available for hire
- Sydenham Mosaic being installed at the renamed Sydenham Centre next to the Post Office
- Pop Goes Sydenham during May, June and July
- Sydenham Arts Festival from 29 June to 14 July – bigger and better than ever
- Planning permission granted on the 25 April for the rebuilding of The Greyhound
- Jill, our community hub has been a showcase for local artists as well as community projects such as "What makes us happy"
- The high street is swept 7 days a week
- Community "clean up" days in March and April removed flyposting and shop shutter stickers
- Girton Road car park remains free following the car parking review
- Sydenham Traders getting involved with an increased turnout at the last meeting in April
- Community events such as Halloween, Christmas and Easter supported by the traders and residents
- Community Toilet scheme at Chef's Delight
- Most empty shops are under offer – and with some diversity for the future
- Sydenham street drinkers have been moved following a 10 year Anti Social Behaviour Order for the key perpetrator
- Funding for the Home Park literary piazza – detailed planning is underway
- TNG – The New Generation youth centre in Wells Park Road is nearing completion with the official opening on the 10 June
- Mayow Park pavilion on site and will be tendering for a new community café
- Rebuilding of Sydenham School – the last of all our secondary schools to have a major upgrade
- More East London Line improvements – Overground Line is such a success

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Sydenham Community Library – brighter and better

When you next go to Sydenham Community Library, look up – remember the grey ceiling with dangling paper? It's gone. White paint makes the library much brighter. The tarpaulin has gone. In its place we have a smart new café, so now you can enjoy a latte or cappuccino while choosing your books or studying. The cafe will offer barista training to apprentices, creating jobs as well as spreading goodwill.

Our builder, Reg, of London Community Building, (www.lcb.eu.com) even had matching sections of cornice cast, to fill the gaps. Reg and his team have worked really hard, meeting each new challenge the building revealed.

The improvements are more than cosmetic. We can now close all the windows, and the domes have been sealed to remove the piercing draughts. The doors should finally re-open on 9 May. This is longer than the forecast time, but predictable given the size of the building and the discovery of new and interesting faults. An "official" re-opening will be held on 31 May to celebrate the second anniversary of signing the Community Library Lease.

Some of the cost has been defrayed by partnering with London Re-use Limited, which unites local re-use enterprises across London, to encourage refurbishment and re-use, thereby reducing the amount of waste sent to landfill. Together with their partners, Petit Miracles, they make and up-cycle furniture for sale. Their catalogue and a small amount of furniture are available at the library. This complements Eco's fundraising through computer recycling, resale of donated books, and collection of small electrical appliances, and printer cartridges.

During the summer, as well as the children's Summer Reading Challenge, we have an exciting local history project for

which Kornelia Genova of Eco Communities obtained

funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund. If you would like to be interviewed on your memories of Sydenham, please ring the library on 020 8778 1753 to make an appointment.

Additionally, we have news of a successful funding bid from a local group, including architect Ed Holloway of BEEP Studio, Anthony Scully of Friends of Home Park and Tony Rich of Eco Computers, for £37,500 from the London Mayor's Pocket Parks fund, to create a "Literary piazza" uniting the Library and Home Park. Lewisham have match funded the £37,500 and are managing the project. Further details about the designs in the next newsletter!

Ilse Towler
Secretary, Friends of Sydenham
Community Library



Two local Museums in the running for the Art Fund Prize for Museum of the Year 2013

Dulwich Picture Gallery and Horniman Museum and Gardens are both in the top ten finalists for the prestigious Art Fund Prize for Museum of the Year 2013. Celebrating the very best UK museums and galleries, it is the largest arts prize in the UK and aims to reward and highlight innovation and creativity in bringing objects and collections to life.

As well as the £100,000 for Museum of the Year, Dulwich Picture Gallery is also in the running for the Clore Award for Learning, an additional award of £10,000 which recognises achievements in learning programmes in UK museums. Both winners will be drawn from the ten finalists.

The finalists were chosen by an independent panel of judges chaired by Art Fund Director, Stephen Deuchar and including the Daily Telegraph's Arts Editor Sarah Crompton, writer and broadcaster Bettany Hughes, historian Tristram Hunt MP and the artists Bob and Roberta Smith.

The ten finalists (in alphabetical order) are:

BALTIC Centre for Contemporary Art, Gateshead
The Beaney, Canterbury
Dulwich Picture Gallery, London
The Hepworth Wakefield, Wakefield

Horniman Museum & Gardens, London
Kelvingrove Museum and Art Gallery, Glasgow
Museum of Archeology & Anthropology, Cambridge
Narberth Museum, Wales
Preston Park Museum, Stockton-on-Tees
William Morris Gallery, London

Stephen Deuchar, Director of the Art Fund, said: "The quality and diversity of the UK's museums and galleries is truly exceptional and the job of this prize is to draw attention to that. As the national charity for art, we hope that by shining a light on the ten finalists we'll encourage people to visit and celebrate these bright beacons of culture across the UK."

The winner will be announced live on BBC Radio 4's Front Row from the award ceremony at the V&A in London on 4 June 2013.

James Dickens

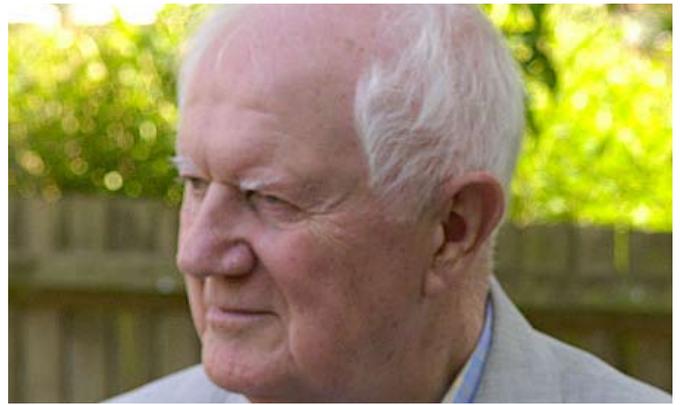
James Dickens, former Lewisham West MP and Sydenham Society activist, died in April at the age of 82. Barry Milton looks back at the eventful life of a man known fondly to locals simply as "Jimmy".

James McCulloch York Dickens was born in a Glasgow tenement in 1931 and started work at the age of 14 first as a telegraph boy and then as a railway clerk. The "red Clydeside" into which Jimmy was born was a hotbed of political radicalism and Jimmy's ideas were forged as a member of the Independent Labour Party, a ginger group attached to the Scottish Labour Party.

In 1950 Jimmy returned to full-time education at Newbattle Abbey, a further education college in Midlothian whose warden at the time was Edwin Muir, the renowned poet, critic and novelist. From there, he progressed to Ruskin College and then to St Catherine's College Oxford where he read politics, economics and modern history.

In 1956, when the coal industry was a major force in the economy, he joined the National Coal Board as a graduate management trainee first in Edinburgh and later at the board's headquarters in London.

Seeing a chance to progress his political career, Jimmy stood for a seat on Westminster City Council where he served as a Labour councillor from 1962 to 1965. But his ambitions drew him to seek higher political office. In the 1964 General Election, he stood as MP for Chelsea, regarded as one of the safest Conservative seats in the UK, scoring a very credible second place. In 1966, he finally gained a seat in the House of Commons, standing in the then-marginal constituency of



Lewisham West, managing to unseat the standing Conservative MP Patrick McNair-Wilson.

Defeated in the 1970 general election, Jimmy returned to public sector management with the National Freight Corporation and as Director of Manpower and Training at the National Water Council. He was awarded the OBE in 1991.

Jimmy turned his experience of management and politics to good use in retirement. He served as Chairman of governors at Anerley Primary School, was an executive member of Labour Action for Peace and an active member of the Sydenham Society Executive and of the Society's Roads & Transport Committee which he chaired for many years.

Jimmy's sharp mind and his outstanding ability as an orator made him a formidable opponent, skills which he put to use on numerous occasions on behalf of the Sydenham Society. A man with huge personal warmth, a tremendous interest in people and a strong, almost old-fashioned belief in good manners, Jimmy is survived by his wife Carolyn and four stepsons.

Barry Milton

"Clean Up Sydenham" days bring its own rewards

WARM-HEARTED Sydenham folk have earned themselves a treat, thanks to a new scheme rewarding volunteers across the borough. Free Millwall football tickets, beauty treatments, bowling sessions and a lot more are up for grabs for those who can give as little as one hour of their time to reach out to the community.

The Sydenham group have earned Lewisham time credits by removing fly posters off shop fronts along Sydenham High Street with cabinet member for community services and older people Councillor Chris Best.

Credits are being offered across Lewisham as a form of community currency. For every hour that someone gives to a community organisation which is part of the scheme, they receive one time credit note. The note can then be spent in a range of ways.

Two credit notes could buy you a ticket for a show at The Albany in Deptford or Blackheath Halls, whilst one credit note could get you a relaxing massage, pedicure or manicure at T'ien Beauty Academy at Lewisham College.

Cllr Best said: "Earning time credits is a very tangible way for organisations to say to volunteers 'we really value the time you have given'."

Time credits were offered in Lee Green and Telegraph Hill from last May and hundreds of people got involved, a quarter

of whom had never volunteered before. They are now being introduced across Lewisham with support from a national organisation called Spice.



Heavens Above: The Angels are Coming!

St. Bartholomew's Church, Westwood Hill, SE26 22 June – 28 July

A unique collection of 60 "life-size" paintings, based on classic depictions of angels in art, is to visit London for the first time this summer. The Angels exhibition, created in 2007 by Yorkshire artist Celia Kilner, will fill St. Bartholomew's Church as part of the Sydenham Arts Festival.

The Grand Opening on Saturday 22 June includes craft stalls and workshop, music and an Opera Trattoria. The following week the church will host the first of five Festival concerts with musicians and audience surrounded by angels. St. Bartholomew's will also hold five open days as part of the Sydenham Arts Trail, offering a terrific opportunity to view this extraordinary collection.

Additional events include craft workshops, two family theatrical performances, afternoon teas and a lecture on the role of angels in art. Meanwhile, younger members of the church are being invited to help create an angel mosaic for display when the exhibition has left, to act as a permanent reminder.

In their original media, the Angels date from the 8th to the 19th century and are found on ceilings, in books and manuscripts, in stained glass or fabrics, in galleries, churches, cathedrals and museums. The artists whose work has been re-created range from Raphael and Giovanni Battista to Edward Burne-Jones. Other sources include a 5th century tapestry from Upper Egypt, an illuminated manuscript of St. Matthew's Gospel from 1096 and the Book of Kells.

The beautiful church of St. Bartholomew's in Sydenham is itself the subject of a famous painting by Camille Pissaro that

hangs in the National Gallery. St Bartholomew's has many angel paintings waiting to greet the collection, including six archangels behind the high altar, a significant work in themselves.

In recent years St. Bartholomew's, built in 1832 with money granted to celebrate the end of the Napoleonic Wars 17 years earlier, has had to replace its ancient heating system and undertake a complete rewiring. Money raised from The Angels collection will be put towards making the church waterproof, so that in future, when the heavens open, the congregation will be able to thank the angels for protecting them against the weather.

For more information and a complete program of events: Email: gilldaly@virginmedia.com or call 020 8693 5561



The Angel Programme at St Bartholomew's Church

Saturday 22 June: Grand opening of The Angels exhibition at 3pm. Craft stalls, afternoon tea and music. Join us at 7pm for an opera Trattoria, combining heavenly music with delicious Italian food.

Saturday 22 June and Sunday 29 June at 3pm: Workshops for all the family on angel book-binding and glass painting.

Thursday 4 July at 8pm: Talk by the Revd Charles Pickstone on Angels, Art and Spirituality.

Saturday 6 July and Saturday 20 July: Family performances of Anansi & His Web of Stories and Once Upon a Time from Caboodle Arts Company.

The church is also open on Saturdays and Sundays, 29 & 30 June, 6, 7 and 13 July from 11am to 5pm. Refreshments available.

Schools are invited to bring classes to the church for workshops by appointment.

Self Employment Self Help Group meeting 3rd Thursday in the month, next meeting 20 June 2013

Essentially networking meetings for those who have already registered as self employed, these meetings will be held until the third Thursday of July to judge whether there is sufficient support for the idea and perhaps to consider an evening time meeting, if more convenient. The meetings will be held to the left of the main bar at the Dolphin PH in Sydenham Road. The Dolphin has free wifi but those attending will need to purchase at least a drink, hot or cold, alcoholic or non-alcoholic. The pub also serves some lovely food. Some workshops on relevant issues to self employment may also be held – watch this space.

For further information, contact annabaghari@ntlworld.com or just turn up.

Sydenham Arts Festival

June 29 – July 14, 2013

Bigger and better than ever!

This summer Sydenham Arts Festival (SAF) will be marking its 5th fantastic year with more than 90 events taking place over two weeks at different locations around Sydenham and Forest Hill.

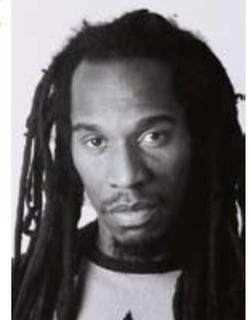
This summer Sydenham Arts Festival (SAF) will be marking its 5th fantastic year with more than 90 events taking place over two weeks at different locations around Sydenham and Forest Hill.

This year's festival has something for everyone; live music, free film showings, theatre, a family day in the park, literary events, comedy nights, an Artists Trail in open homes and studios, dance workshops, opera and much more.

The Sydenham Arts Festival is a community based initiative that was launched in 2009. It grew out of the large community of artists, musicians, actors, writers, singers and poets who live in the Sydenham and Forest Hill area. The aims of the festival are to celebrate the diversity and quality of artistic achievement in the area and beyond, and to bring the community together. The festival has grown increasingly popular, with an estimated 10,000 visitors last year.

Having received a substantial Arts Council grant early this year and with major support from local businesses, SAF 2013 promises an incredible festival with a huge increase in live music provision (over twenty events) including folk, classical opera, classical Indian, jazz, baroque, salsa, rock, electronic, mash-up, world music and cabaret!

There are more film events than ever including a free open-air screening of the 70's cult-classic SILENT RUNNING, films for children at Little Green Screen in Mayow Park and BAFTA-award winning "shorts" courtesy of Sydenham Film



Club, as well as a special FX film-making workshop.

New to SAF for 2013 is LAUNCH PAD – an opportunity for young people to stage their own events at the state-of-the-art TNG Youth Centre near Wells Park; RETAIL THERAPY – artists, theatre companies and performers transform empty shops into temporary performance venues; THE REMARKABLE RACE OF 1913 – Spontaneous Productions bring their inimitable style of open-air theatre to Mayow Park with an unforgettable 'Edwardian Wacky Races'.

SAF's regular events include ARTS IN THE PARK/FAMILY FUN DAY in Home Park, which launches the festival on Sunday 30 June and the ever-popular ARTISTS TRAIL, this time extended over three weekends.

Last but not least, SAF is delighted to present the renowned performance poet BENJAMIN ZEPHANIAH in Sydenham. 'We've been trying to get him here for years, so we're delighted he'll be performing at Sydenham High School on Saturday 13 July', says SAF Creative Director Jonathan Kaufman.

The full events programme will be available in both Forest Hill and Sydenham Community Libraries, cafes, shops and venues throughout the area from June.

Website: <http://www.sydenhamartsfestival.co.uk/>

Syd Soc 40th Anniversary

Sydenham Society vice-president, Jim Dowd MP and Annabel McLaren, Chair of the Society, prepare to cut the cake to celebrate the Sydenham Society's 40th anniversary at April's AGM. At the AGM, Pat Trembath was elected President and Steve Grindlay became the third vice-president along with Barbara Downing.



New Board Members and Volunteers Wanted for Sydenham Film Club

Are you interested in film and do you have a few hours a month to spare to help out? The Sydenham Film Club is a community organisation which has been running for two years.

We screen films on a monthly basis throughout the year from arthouse, animation to the weird and wonderful to get the minds thinking and our film goes talking to each other.

We are looking for new board members to help us with developing and growing the filmclub. We are also looking for volunteers to help promote via social media and run the filmclub by assisting in setting up equipment and screenings and distributing posters in the area.

If you are interested please email: sarah@sydenhamfilmclub.org.

Sydenham Arts Festival – Visual Arts Trail

This year's Trail, the 5th, will for the first time be held during the three weekends of the Festival.

There will be four major exhibitions: St Bart's church stages an exhibition of 60 life-size angels by Lisa Dalton, based on classical descriptions of angels in art from the 8th to the 19th centuries - the first time this touring exhibition has appeared south of the Thames; the Brockley Potters, a group



of more than 20 ceramic artists exhibit their creations at Normanton Street church; Creative Quarter, an exhibition of 12 artists at C&C Gallery, curated by Mireille Galinou; the Littlegreensscreen and Green Peas will stage a celebration of green arts and environmental-inspired events in Grow Mayow Community gardens including "The Recycled Glasshouse" by Kate Shipp and Mark Hill and a "Mobile Brownfield Site" by Bob and Roberta Smith.

We are grateful to all the local people who will open their homes and business premises allowing us to show more than 120 artists' work at 40 stopping off places and watering holes on the Trail.

Larger groups of artists will show their work in houses on the Thorpes Estate; in Halifax Street, at St Christopher's Hospice, at The Montage (a



new cafe / Gallery at 33 Dartmouth Road), and at the new "Lovely" gallery (to be opened by Anna Lovely at 140 Sydenham Road). Five more artists will be exhibiting at Grove Cottage and Priory cottage, a pair of Queen Anne houses open together this year for the first time.

Some artistic jewels will sparkle through the Trail where individual artists will welcome you to their homes to look at and talk about their art: Jo Lewis and roddy&ginger (off Sydenham Hill); photographer-poet Anne-Marie Glasheen (Perry Hill); with, tucked in between, Yoke Matze (Hassocks Close), Rachael Dickens (Beaulieu Avenue), Alan Taylor-Russell and Alain Speed (Tannsfeld Road), and Karen Arthur (Queenswood Road).

Tony Tidy will paint en plein air at Alexandra Nurseries (Parish Lane) throughout the summer and his watercolours will be exhibited there. Liz Watkins, sketcher-in-residence will sketch festival events and pop up at various Trail venues, and many artists will demonstrate their skills or run workshops and give talks. Local poet Ronnie McGrath will pop into venues on the Trail to perform some of his neo-surrealist poems.

Follow us on Twitter @SydArtistTrail and we will keep you up to date with what's on, where and when.

We would like to thank all the people without whose hard work the Artists Trail would not be possible, especially the Festival team and their artistic director Jonathan Kaufman,

the Artists Trail team, the festival graphic designer Julie Bennett, and Richard and Dan Crowley, of Property World who have so generously sponsored us again this year.



Syd Soc Member Profile

Lee Newham

Lee is the Creative Director of 'Designed by Good People', a design and branding agency set up in 2010. He is a member of the Sydenham Society and has lived in Sydenham for the last five years

Few people have done as much to improve our High Streets across the capital than Lee Newham who, with wife and business partner Ariana, moved to the area in 2007 attracted, he says, by the feeling of community, the life on the High street and the neat front gardens. He considered it was a place that "people cared about", and the petition to save the Greyhound in Kirkdale Bookshop confirmed this belief. Baby Thomas arrived in October 2010, the day after his wife's birthday.

Lee began posting on the Sydenham Town Forum and his 'What if?' blog looked at how unsightly shops or spaces could be transformed. Lee talks about Victorian shop fronts when each High Street had its own sign writers and glass cutters and when shop owners had pride in how they presented themselves. The company's motto states: "We believe in ethics, environment and ideas, well-crafted, 'Designed by Good People'". Lee's passion shines through when he talks about presenting shops in a way that is true to their purpose. One example of his work is the shop front of Billings where Lee revealed the granite fascia. He says that if there are original shop features they will make the most of them. Another example is the SEE3 Hub, 'Jill' fascia, which was executed as cheaply as possible, but nevertheless has an honesty and integrity in the design.

Early on Lee became involved with Friends of Home Park, and in the campaign to save Lewisham's libraries, designing posters, banners and flyers, signage for Sydenham Library and the logo for Eco Computers and now the Eco café. He likes working with small companies and has turned down work that he does not believe in. A recent commission has been the signage and branding for the new cafes on Forest Hill and Sydenham Stations "On the Hoof". The paper cups have

interesting facts about the area printed on the side and were launched at the Hub in April.

Lee became widely known when he won the competition to add a piece of public art to the rear wall of the Greyhound. There were over sixty entries, many of a high standard, but Lee's image of a greyhound, based on an original inn sign, and composed of many thousands of smaller images of Sydenham and its people proved a worthy winner. Lee explains that each tile is one pixel, and each pixel is one image supplied by the people of Sydenham. The images are of people, places, illustrations and photos. Close up you can see the individual images, but from a distance (3 – 5 metres) the greyhound image is revealed. The idea was to give the people of Sydenham a sense of ownership and pride in their environment. Everyone whose image is used will have the opportunity to have their name on a plaque on the bottom right-hand corner of the picture, where there is also a history of the Greyhound Public House.

Lee has worked on shops across the capital, including several in West Norwood, and has ideas now for clear signage on Station Approach to direct people to the station. He would like to see a strong Traders' Association in Sydenham and is working with Town Team Manager, Tony Buckley, to develop some ideas to help local traders. The next time you are on the High Street take a look at the shop fronts, stand back and admire the work of one of Sydenham's 'Good People'.

Sue Grindlay

This is the seventeenth in a series of articles on members of the Sydenham Society. If you would like to be featured in this series, or know someone whose views would be of interest to other members, please contact Sue Grindlay on 020 8699 6398 or email her – sue.grindlay@gmail.com



Mural in Sydenham Hill Estate

Mr Cenz, also known as Julian Phethean, has been scribbling on surfaces since 1988 when he first discovered hip-hop culture and graffiti art. He soon became obsessed with this new and exciting art form and after a few brushes with the law he decided to find ways of developing his skills legally. Since his first commissioned mural at 11 yrs old he has continued progressing with his graffiti art and experimenting with other mediums such as painting and printmaking. This has led to a career as a professional graffiti artist and several solo shows throughout London.

His work is still very influenced by his 'old school' roots but is very 'new school' in its abstract and graphic nature. Over the years he has developed his own unique style, which focuses on symmetry, colour, form and tight line work. He works hard to make sure each piece he creates

is very individual in its letterforms and characters and distinctive in its quality. He is also a very versatile artist who is competent in painting all graffiti art styles from realism to wildstyle.



Sculpture of the Risen Christ by Steven Sykes

This sculpture, the Risen Christ, is on the corner of the Catholic Church of the Resurrection of Our Lord in Sydenham Park, at the junction with Kirkdale

Many people walk up and down Kirkdale without giving this sculpture a moment's glance, but it is a striking image in a pivotal position at the crossroads by a talented artist, and deserves attention.

Steven Sykes was born on 30 August 1914 in Formby, Lancashire where his father was a family doctor. He studied stained glass at the Royal College of Art from 1933-36 and later learned pottery from his wife, who studied pottery under William Staite Murray. On leaving college Steven won a travel scholarship to France and Italy and when he returned he joined Herbert Hendrie's stained glass studio in Edinburgh. He married fellow RCA artist Jean Judd in February 1940. Steven taught at Chelsea School of Art from 1946 until his retirement in 1979.

During the war Steven became a Camouflage Officer, constructing a 9-mile dummy railway complete with sidings and buildings at Misheifa in Egypt. During the D-day landings in June 1944 he camouflaged snipers and made screens to block enemy sight lines. He was well-regarded in his field and rose to the rank of Major in 1941. He often found time to sketch and after the war he drew and painted many scenes from this period which had affected him greatly.

Amongst other works Steven made a panel of tiles of red clay, glazed with a tin glaze for the Dorchester Hotel in 1952. I have been unable to discover whether it is still there. Some of his pottery tiles were shown at the 1951 Festival of Britain. Other works include a tapestry made for the Hammersmith and West London College Library and a tiled panel for the Pallant House Gallery in Chichester. His work is owned by the Victoria and Albert Museum, by the Otago Museum in New Zealand and by private collectors.

His best-known work, made during 1959-60, is the often-described "jewel-like" Gethsemane Chapel at the East end of Coventry Cathedral, a commission from the Cathedral's

architect, Basil Spence. It depicts the figure of St Michael and the disciples. These were modelled, like his pottery figures, in reverse relief and then cast in concrete. The background is covered in gold leaf and blue tesserae.

The Catholic Church of the Resurrection of Our Lord in Sydenham was designed as an irregular hexagon in 1974 by Broadbent, Hastings, Reid & Todd, the partner in charge being D. A. Reid. The church was not consecrated until several years afterwards. Pevsner is less than enthusiastic saying it is "almost windowless, not inviting" but the relief by Sykes is mentioned, as is the bold crucifix by Elspeth Reid. The figure of Christ, a bas-relief in fibreglass and cement, was donated by his family in memory of a young man who died, Patrick Fisher.

Steven Sykes had some late recognition of his work in 1984 when some of his watercolours were featured in an article in the Sunday Times Magazine. Again in 1989 a New York Art Dealer mounted an exhibition of British War Artists which included Sykes, and this led to a solo show in 1992. He died on 22 January 1999.

Sue Grindlay. (With thanks to Valerie Kelly).

Further information on the church can be found on www.cores.org.uk



Special offer: visit any National Trust and English Heritage property for free as a Sydenham Society member

Sydenham Society members continue to enjoy free entry to both a National Trust and an English Heritage property thanks to our membership of Civic Voice. This offer includes you and your partner – and if you are already a member of the National Trust you can pass this offer to friends and family. Details are below:

National Trust

NT passes (one per member) will be available at all Society events (public meetings, trips and our regular quiz night at the Golden Lion) and at the Sydenham Society stall at the new monthly food market. Alternatively, you can have the passes posted to you by emailing chair@sydenhamsociety.com, phoning 020 8778 6914 or by writing to Civic Voice,

Unit 101, 82 Wood Street, The Tea Factory, Liverpool L1 4DQ, enclosing a stamped address envelope. When phoning, mailing or emailing please make sure to leave your address and state whether you want one pass or two.

English Heritage

The free English Heritage pass can be used between now and the 30 June 2013 and from 1 September 2013 to 31 January 2014. It is available to download at:

<http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/daysout/civic-voice-partnership/>

If you and your partner are both members of the Sydenham Society, just apply for two passes using the instructions above.

From Horniman Museum and Gardens

There's a variety of events for all the family taking place at the Horniman Museum and Gardens this summer.

The Festival of Fieldwork celebrates the Centenary Year of the British Ecological Society with a family festival of ecological fieldwork. Throughout June and July visitors can take part in fieldwork activities with scientists and Museum staff to get first-hand experience of what scientists do to make sense of the Environment. Activities include taking part in a bat survey in our Gardens (Friday 21 June), a dawn chorus walk with ornithologist David Darrell-Lambert (Saturday 22 June) and a guided walk around our Gardens to discover the importance of trees in the city (Saturday 29 June).

Enjoy rhythms from Africa and the Caribbean on Sunday 23 June at the free Nzinga Dance Ensemble Concert, a vibrant drumming and dance performance by students and professionals. Or join us at the Raise the Roof Summer Concert on Sunday 14 July, featuring the Raise the Roof choir performing jazz, gospel, pop and folk.

Ongoing exhibitions include the interactive family friendly Amazon Adventure: Vicious Fishes & Other Riches. Visitors can take a trip along the world's largest and most biologically diverse river and learn about exotic creatures, meet live tetras and stingrays and discover the environmental dangers facing the

Amazon. Our striking photographic exhibition, Rainforest of the Sea, focuses on the coral reef environment off the north east of Borneo. The photographs, taken by Horniman Aquarium curator Jamie Craggs, highlight not only the diversity of life within the coral triangle in South East Asia, but also the threats facing coral reefs worldwide.

For more information on our activities and events, including adult courses, family activities including Busy Bees for the Under 5's and weekend activities such as Hands on Sessions, Art Makers and Nature Explorers please go to www.horniman.ac.uk



Horniman Museum Renovated Bandstand

Sydenham Wells Park News

In February the AMYA (Ahmadiyya Muslim Youth Association) group came and planted some saplings under the guidance of Charity Trees for Cities from the Woodland Trust. They braved the very cold and snow flurries for a couple of hours and planted a variety of hawthorn, dog rose, hazel and beech.

The Sydenham Wells Park Improvement Group (SWPIG) is hosting a Bat Walk on Friday 24th May at dusk (8.45pm). Meet at the pond near Longton Avenue entrance, opposite Ormanton Rd. Please wear sturdy shoes and bring a torch. Donations on the night will be to the London Wildlife Trust.

On Sat 25 May at 11am we are holding a Treasure Trail – cost 50p per child/person. Everyone who completes will win a Prize. This will start from the Wells Park Road main gate, next to Maintenance yard.



On Sunday 2 June from 11-2pm SWPIG will be holding its Annual Plant Sale. Stalls will be around the flower beds in the centre of the park, close to the park keepers hut. All proceeds go improvements in Wells Park. If you have any plants to donate please call: Monika Mitchell 020 8659 6868 on or after 24 May.

The good news is that Park has been awarded the Green flag for the 9th year running and the tennis courts will be re-surfaced this summer following a Grant from the London Marathon Trust and funding from Lewisham.

SWPIG meets 4 times per year and the meetings are open to all park users interested in improving the park. Next Meetings are scheduled for 10 Sept and 12 Nov at 4.30pm in the Maintenance Hut near Wells Park Rd entrance.

Monika Mitchell, Chair, SWPIG



News from Albion Millennium Green and Dacres Wood Nature Reserve

Two of our smaller open spaces now have their own 'Friends of' groups - Albion Millennium Green and Dacres Wood Nature reserve.

The Albion Millennium Green group - FoAMG - organizes a range of activities on this former tennis club site by the railway from Sydenham to Forest Hill, accessed from Albion Villas Road and the railway path. A peaceful, natural green space, it is being managed to enhance its woodland, grassland and pond and as an occasional performance space. The site has a community orchard and is always open. For more details visit the web site: www.amgfriends.org.uk or contact the Chair, Bruno Roubicek at 3 Albion Villas Road, SE26 4DB, 07976869472 or the secretary@amgfriends.org.uk; 07831676587.

Friends of Dacres Wood have only just formally come into existence, although with the help of the Forest Hill Society they have been hosting Open Days at the reserve for the past year. This will now become a regular event on the last Saturday of each month – except in winter. Before the June Open Day – 29 June – there will be an Inaugural General Meeting, and visitors will be invited to become members. The Dacres Wood site is not generally open to the public, and is of particular ecological value. The Friends Group look forward to helping Lewisham Nature in the management of this habitat. They can be contacted via their web site, www.dacreswood.org.uk or secretary@dacreswood.org.uk..

Master Plan Challenge by the CPCA rejected:

In the Court of Appeal on Tuesday 23rd April, the Crystal Palace Community Association challenge to the Crystal Palace Park Master Plan was rejected by the court and the legality of the Secretary of State's action in signing off the Master Plan was upheld. The court also refused a further appeal to that court. The next recourse for the appellants could, in theory, be the Supreme Court. The Master Plan, therefore, stands and could be utilised immediately if Bromley Council is so minded.

Meanwhile, on a small scale, funding is in place for the subway work on the Southwark side of the road – planning permission from Southwark Council is pending. Several other small scale projects have been undertaken – museum greenery clearance and planting and sphinx restoration. Hopefully movement can now seriously go forward with the other potential large tranches of funding available from the Greater London Authority, Heritage Lottery Fund and other sources.

Mayow Park News



At last the refurbishment of the pavilion in Mayow Park is underway. It is frustrating that the work has revealed not only more rot than expected in the worst case, but also a collapsed sewer twelve feet below ground level. Nonetheless, LB Lewisham plans to seek expressions of interest for operating the café towards the end of May; their commitment to our park is much appreciated. An opening later this summer is still on the cards.

Following its AGM, Friends of Mayow Park (FOMP) has two new active members, covering communications, dog-walkers and young people, thanks to which we now tweet on @MayowPark1 and post updates on local web Forums. We are also planning how we can make our park more welcoming for dog walkers, who we recognise as our vital public 'eyes and ears', especially in winter. But we are still looking for someone who will make sure we know what families with young children want.

At the heart of our park we now have a proper cricket square, and regular games at weekends are about to resume, with two 'home' teams, and although our bowls club is struggling, the green will be hired out to 'nomadic' clubs in the area. FOMP is also looking for a member who can liaise with these groups, and also tennis players, footballers, runners, and any other sports users.

FOMP continue to organise events, such as work days gardening in the 'Pavilion Triangle', about which details can be found on our blog - <http://friendsofmayowpark.blogspot.co.uk/> - or search Facebook for 'FOMP' to find out page. Later this year we plan to celebrate our 20th birthday, and perhaps link our community orchard with others nearby in Albion Millennium Green and Sydenham Garden's de Frene Road site.

The chairs of FOMP and Friends groups for Sydenham Wells Park and Home Park have recently formed a Parks Forum to share information on parks related matters and organise occasional events. It is hoped that, in the future, there will be a borough-wide parks forum, effective common action to support our parks.

Alona Sheridan, Tim Lund
friendsofmayowpark@gmail.com

The Folly in Sydenham Hill Woods

In 2008 English Heritage published a guide to the work of Pulham & Co, who created artificial garden landscapes including grottos, temples, follies and fountains. The company also developed cement that bore a striking resemblance to natural stone and called it Pulhamite.

In 1877 Pulham published a prospectus that listed all the gardens they had worked on up to that date. Six of the gardens were in Sydenham and two in Forest Hill. For me the most interesting was described as "Hill Wood, Sydenham" where "Alderman Stone" commissioned two pieces of Pulhamite, one in 1862 and another in 1866.

Alderman David Henry Stone was a solicitor and, in 1875, Lord Mayor of London. Between about 1847 and 1863 he lived at Park End, Sydenham Park (near the railway line). In 1863 he moved not to "Hill Wood" but to Fairwood, Sydenham Hill. Fairwood was the third house along Sydenham Hill from Cox's Walk, after Lapsewood (Charles Barry's house) and Beechgrove (where Lionel Logue, George VI's speech therapist, lived). Parts of the wall between Beechgrove and Fairwood still survive and the line of the wall passes close enough to the folly to leave little doubt that it was one of the structures built in Alderman Stone's garden.

Most of the local Pulhamite structures can be identified and at least one other survives. It is an ornate fountain in the back garden of a house now known as Fountain House, 17 Sydenham Hill. According to the Pulham catalogue "Dr Barry" of Sydenham Hill had some work done in 1874-75. Dr John Boyle Barry was a surgeon who lived at this house from 1871



to 1879 and the fountain a fine example Pulham & Co's work.

Below is a list of other Pulham garden features in Sydenham and Forest Hill. In each case the site name, completion date and client is given. These are quoted in "Bold italics". With the name of the client it is relatively easy to identify where these grottos and follies were built. It is just possible that something of these features might still survive, waiting to be discovered.



"Sydenham Hill, 1870, L Clark"

This was Beechmount, later Hitherwood, 19 Sydenham Hill near Rock Hill, the lane that goes past the old reservoir to College Road. It was occupied by Latimer Clark, a civil engineer, between about 1864 and 1882.

"Sydenham, 1869, H Gover"

This was the surviving Lyncombe, 1 Crescent Wood Road, occupied by Henry Gover, a solicitor, from about 1869 until 1895. There is something that might be the remains of a folly visible from the path to Sydenham Hill station.

"Sydenham, 1869, W J (sic) Mace"

This was probably William Rudd Mace, a wine merchant who probably lived at The Old Cedars, Westwood Hill from 1868 until about 1882.

"Sydenham Hill, 1869, F Peek"

Francis Peek, a tea merchant, lived at 21 Sydenham Hill until 1869 then moved to 7 Crescent Wood Road. The work was more likely to be in the garden of his new house.

"Forest Hill, 1865, J Fielding"

This was The Grange, Honor Oak Road (between Benson and Ewelme Roads) where John Crossley Fielding, a stockbroker, lived between 1854 and 1878. Fielding also used Owen Jones to design the decoration of his drawing room.

"Forest Hill, 1869, H Moser"

Henry Moser lived at Westwood Lodge, 70 Honor Oak Road, from about 1862 until 1872. The site is now occupied by a block of flats.

Sydenham Mosaic Update

On the 1 May PMJ Scaffolding erected the scaffolding prior to the installation of the Mosaic. Oliver Budd and his team were then able to begin the repair and redecoration of The Sydenham Centre prior to the installation of the Mosaic.

We are grateful to the Paint Shop, 287, Sydenham Road (opposite the Library) for donating all the paint needed for the redecoration. And also to Sydenham DIY on the railway bridge.

We hope to complete by the end of May and have an official opening in June. **Valerie Kelly & Robert Side**



EVENTS**Dates for Your Diary****Syd Soc events**

Due to a cornucopia of local community activities taking place throughout the summer Sydenham Society Events Committee will be taking a well earned break. We will be back with new events and visits in the autumn. There are vacancies on the Events Committee and we would welcome active members with new ideas of places to see, particularly those accessible by public transport. Please contact Jackie on jacquelinealdridge@gmail.com.

Sydenham Assembly – Tuesday 4 June

From 7 – 9pm at the new TNG Youth Centre in Wells Park Road (202 and 356 buses stop outside).

Perry Vale Assembly – Thursday 11 July.

Time and venue still to be confirmed.

**Sydenham Wells, Mayow and Home Parks
Three Parks Walk – Sunday 23 June**

Starting at Sydenham Wells Park at 11am. Meet at Wells Park Road gate at 10.45am (next to maintenance yard) main gates on Wells Park Road – 202 bus route. Following a tour of Wells Park lasting about an hour we will walk from Wells Park Road to Kirkdale, crossing over and down Sydenham Park over the railway footbridge, turning right into gates of Mayow Park. At 12.30pm we shall meet and have a snack or picnic in Mayow Park (bring your own). This will be followed by a tour of the Mayow Park which will take about an hour. At about 1.30pm we shall leave Mayow Park and head to Home Park with tour of Home Park starting about 2pm finishing here with refreshments and toilet facilities in Home Park.

We hope you can join us for the whole walk, but if this is not convenient perhaps you will be able to come along for part of what should be a most pleasant day with the opportunity to appreciate our very special local parks. Toilet facilities should be available in all three parks.

Monika Mitchell, Alona Sheridan and Anthony Scully
Chairs of the local parks groups.

**St Christopher's Family Fun Day
Saturday 29 June – 11am-4pm
entry by donation**

St Christopher's Family Fun Day is a great family day out, taking place at the Hospice when we open our grounds to friends, supporters and the local community to enjoy a variety of stalls and entertainment!

Visitor's will have the opportunity to purchase goods ranging from homemade oils to plants, jewellery, books, toys, clothes and much more. The younger members of the family can enjoy a ride on Dray Horses, have their faces painted, play a selection of games and put a spring in their step on the bouncy castle! Adults won't miss out though as there will be a free flowing beer tent and all day BBQ to sample...

Throughout the day there will also be entertainment by clowns, magicians, dancers and singers! There really is something to keep everyone occupied for the whole day whilst supporting your local hospice.

St Christopher's cares for over 2,000 dying people each year, as well as 650 patients being cared for in their own homes on any given day. It serves the areas of Lambeth, Southwark, Lewisham, Croydon, and Bromley and our education services benefit healthcare professionals worldwide.

The Hospice needs to fundraise £10 million each year to continue providing these services, and the Family Fun Day plays a vital role in this. We would be grateful for donations to sell or use for prizes on the day, such as gifts, bottles, toys, children's books and bric-a-brac. We are also seeking a BBQ sponsor.

For more information, apply to bring a stall or attraction or to discuss sponsorship opportunities please contact Louise Trott on 020 8768 4577 or email l.trott@stchristophers.org.uk

SYDENHAM SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP FORM**Yearly cost of membership**

Individual (includes partner)	£6.00 per annum
Senior Citizen (includes partner)	£5.00 per annum
Postal Member (includes partner)	£8.00/£7.00 per annum

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Email _____

Renewal is due in January. Postal members are those resident outside SE23 and SE26 postal areas. Subscriptions can be paid by cheque or Standing Order. Please make cheques payable to The Sydenham Society.

The Sydenham Society STANDING ORDER**Bank details for standing order**

Name of your bank/building society _____

Address of your bank/building society _____

Account Number _____ Sort Code _____

Signed _____

Your Name (please print) _____

Please pay the Sydenham Society (Lloyds Bank plc, Sydenham Branch, Sort Code 30-98-42, Account no. 0524410) the sum of £8/£7/£6/£5 (please delete as appropriate) on 5 January each year until further notice. This replaces any Standing Order in favour of the 'Sydenham Society'.

Please return to: Roger Feather, 71 Hall Drive, Sydenham, London SE26 6XL Tel: 020 8778 4318 Email: membership@sydenhamsociety.com

TNG Youth Centre opens

TNG (short for The New Generation) youth centre is open at last, several months behind schedule.

The £3.5m building in Wells Park Road, opposite the Taylor's Lane entrance to Wells Park, will provide facilities for the whole community from 9am to 10pm. Predominately for young people, the building will be available during the daytime for use by the local community.

The young people of the area have been involved since the beginning of the project and have had input into the design and facilities they wanted within the building which contains a gym, a climbing wall, cafe, meeting rooms, including a conference room which can be hired out to local organisations, and medical rooms where advice regarding sexual health can be obtained.

Local residents will have the opportunity to look around TNG on Tuesday 4 June from 7pm as this is the venue for the next Sydenham Assembly. The official opening of TNG will be held on Monday 10 June.



Sydenham Station's On the Hoof cafe

A warm welcome to On the Hoof's cafés' specially designed cups with snippets of local information about the area printed on the coffee cups.

On the Hoof's owner Ela Mundy says the redesign makes sense all round, "Our cups are a new and different concept as they literally talk about the local area. Each cup is full of facts about Sydenham, Forest Hill, Crystal Palace and Catford. On the Hoof's sense of belonging means we are advertising our areas on our cups. People make a point of telling us the cups are great and have inspired them to look into local history, or that they had no idea certain events took place where they live. We also wanted our cups to be interesting — it's slightly boring to look at a big logo on the train when you have nothing to read!"

Sydenham resident Ela has built a loyal customer base at each of her superior coffee kiosks. Since 2001, On the Hoof has grown to provide kiosks at Sydenham, Forest Hill and Shortlands. Gourmet sandwiches are made daily on site and patisserie is delivered from local artisan bakers. Even the tea is sourced from Imporiant, a specialist tea merchant based in Sydenham. All of Ela's eight staff are local residents who are trained to provide a personal service to customers, even coming to know regulars by name and coffee preference!



WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

A warm welcome to the following new members:

Marisa & Charlie Alcock
Mrs Marguerite Alexander
David Barber
Annie Bedford
Geraldine Bowyer
Mr Brian Braddon

Walter Buchholz
Hans de Kretser
Kathryn Dew
Gemma Dowson
Jane Ferguson
Viktor Fero

Daniela Hermann
Emma Mallinder
Jill Morgan
Ela & Jeremy Mundy
Judith Ralph &
Steve Scanlon

Christine Robinson
Frances Rowe
John Russell
Sahil Sethi
Nesrin Taylor
Jennifer Williams

Members are reminded that subscriptions for 2013 were due in January. If you are not sure whether you have paid for 2013, please contact me. Many thanks,

Roger Feather, Treasurer Tel: 020 8778 4318 Email: membership@sydenhamsociety.com