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## Welcome

### to December's Lambeth talk

We're approaching the end of the year and, for many, that means a chance to catch up with friends and family over Christmas. Others aren't so fortunate and the relentless barrage of tinsel and TV adverts simply emphasises loneliness.



In a busy London borough like Lambeth, where the streets and pavements bristle with activity and people hurrying about their business, it's easy to forget people who are alone and troubled. It's all too easy not to notice someone struggling getting on and off a bus, carrying shopping or not leaving the house because it's dark so early.

There are fantastic organisations across Lambeth – church and friends, charities and neighbourhood groups, offering friendship and company to many people all year round. They do a brilliant job and deserve our support and praise. But we could all do a little more; we just need to make it a habit. What better time to start than Christmas?

With my warmest wishes for a peaceful and happy Christmas to you all.

### Councillor Lib Peck, Leader of the Council



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## Deal reached on TfL funding cap for Garden Bridge

Lambeth Council and the Garden Bridge Trust have reached an agreement on the public funding contribution from Transport for London (TfL) towards the construction of the Garden Bridge.

The agreement limits TfL's contribution to the construction of the bridge to £10 million rather than the original £30 million contribution. The decision means that the negotiations for the bridge's south landing site in Lambeth will resume.

Councillor Lib Peck, Lambeth Council Leader, had suspended the negotiations because of growing concerns of the £30 million TfL had contributed to the scheme. She said: "We've been in tough negotiations with the Garden Bridge Trust and Transport for London and I'm pleased we've successfully agreed a deal that will cut London taxpayers' contribution towards the Garden Bridge by two thirds."

## Changes in store for Kennington and Oval

Lambeth residents are invited to feedback on the draft plans for an area that could become the biggest single redevelopment in Lambeth.

The Oval gas holders (near the Kia Oval cricket ground) are no longer in use so Berkeley Homes, working with Lambeth Council, are looking at how this land could be developed, along with other opportunities in the surrounding area.



Consultation began in November and ends on Wednesday 16 December. To view the draft masterplan and tell us what you think, visit [www.oakda.co.uk](http://www.oakda.co.uk) or Durning Library, 167 Kennington Lane, SE11 4HF.

## Your say on Vauxhall Cross

People have until 17 January to comment on TfL's major investment plan for Vauxhall Cross, which would see the one-way road system return to two-way streets.

Making it safer and easier for people walking, cycling or using public transport has had strong local support. New public spaces and improved streets would work with the new developments and make Vauxhall a more welcoming riverside town centre. Have your say at [consultations.tfl.gov.uk/roads/vauxhall-cross](http://consultations.tfl.gov.uk/roads/vauxhall-cross)

## Doing it all over London

This year all of London's boroughs, got together to fund and support an innovative campaign called Do It London, to tackle the high incidence of HIV in the capital.

The London HIV Prevention Programme is run by Lambeth on behalf of London Councils. You might have seen the Do It London posters earlier in the year and you'll certainly be seeing them as the winter Do It London campaign gets underway, raising awareness of the need to test regularly for HIV and to practise safer sex without singling out the groups who are most at risk.



To find out more, visit [www.doitlondon.org](http://www.doitlondon.org)

## Lambeth recyclers win Golden Ticket

Lucky Lambeth recyclers have been rewarded with a £500 cash prize for recycling right in the first Golden Ticket draw. The winners, who placed their Golden Tickets in with their clean, correct recycling, were invited to claim their prizes at a ceremony at Western Riverside Waste Authority in Wandsworth. For more information on recycling, Golden Tickets and the Community Fund, visit [www.lambeth.gov.uk/goldenticket](http://www.lambeth.gov.uk/goldenticket)



## Lambeth to build more and better homes

Lambeth Cabinet has agreed the proposal to establish 'Homes for Lambeth', a 100 per cent council-owned and run company that will help meet the election pledge to build 1,000 extra homes for council rent.

Lambeth is facing an escalating housing crisis, with 21,000 people on the waiting list for social housing, over 1,850 homeless families and 1,300 families in severely overcrowded accommodation.

The proposed special purpose vehicle would enable the council to bring in outside money to help pay for its ambitious estate regeneration programme – and reinvest surpluses for the benefit of local people. Under normal circumstances, the 15-20 per cent development profit would go to private developers.

## New support for young people affected by crime

Young victims of crimes and family members of young offenders will get a new, weekly support service from the Lambeth Youth Offending Service – the first of its kind in London.

Research shows that young people affected by crime are disproportionately likely to become offenders themselves and the Lambeth programme will look to stop that trend.

The Young People Affected by Crime programme will involve weekly sessions including art, music, dance, personal safety, and self-esteem training. Over the next year, the programme hopes to work with at least 50 young people, with sessions being carried out every week from the Karibu Education Centre in Brixton. For more information, email Mark Crietzman: [mcreitzman@lambeth.gov.uk](mailto:mcreitzman@lambeth.gov.uk)



## Residents decide improvement spend

Lambeth residents are being asked for their ideas on how to improve their local neighbourhood – and are being given at least £200,000 per ward to do it.

Four wards are involved in the latest phase of the 'Our Streets' project – Streatham South, Streatham Wells, St Leonards and Thornton. To complete the online survey, visit [www.lambeth.gov.uk](http://www.lambeth.gov.uk)

In the April edition of Lambeth talk there was a factual error in an article about fly-tipping that implied Lambeth Council had reduced the cost to residents of removing bulky items. The article referred only to recommendations made in a report by the Environmental Crime Scrutiny Commission. In its formal response to the report, Lambeth Cabinet promised to conduct a review of the bulky waste collection service and whether charging for waste collection impacts on fly-tipping rates.



The clocks have gone back, the nights have drawn in and that familiar chill is certainly being felt. It's December, so no surprise that we are reaching for our coats, scarves and hats as we go out and turning the heating on while at home. Last month, as part of our Warm and Well in Winter campaign, we provided tips to help you keep warm. This month it's about providing advice to help you stay well.

# Stay well this winter

BY DR ADRIAN MCLACHLAN, LOCAL GP AND CHAIR OF NHS LAMBETH CCG

**NHS Lambeth Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)** wants everyone in the borough to stock up on medicines and visit their local pharmacist for advice.

Our Stay Well This Winter campaign urges people to:

- have the flu vaccination
- only use antibiotics when they're really needed
- use their pharmacy as a first port of call for fast, free advice.

We want Lambeth residents to stay well and for those who do get a virus, such as the common cold or a winter vomiting bug, to get

better as quickly as possible.

By keeping a well-stocked medicine cabinet, everyone can make sure they have remedies on hand when they need them. Your local pharmacy can provide advice on what to stock up on.

If you have any prescription medicines, it's useful to make sure you have enough at home before the Christmas holidays when some pharmacies work reduced hours.

People with long-term conditions such as asthma, diabetes or a heart condition can get very

You can help the NHS by making the right choice when it comes to your health care needs. Advice is available from your pharmacist, GP or by calling NHS 111.

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# Lambeth Town Hall and you

BY ANNA QUIGLEY

Lambeth Town Hall has been the focus of civic life in the borough since 1908 and is currently closed for refurbishment. We need your help for a new exhibition to celebrate the role of the town hall in our lives.



With its distinctive tower and prominent position in the centre of Brixton, the town hall is an imposing presence. To some it will represent government and bureaucracy, pomp and ceremony; but it also represents us – Lambeth's residents.

For over a decade it's been an important backdrop to my life. I went there to register the births of my two children and to get married in front of friends and family. I also worked there.

The town hall is a place where our personal and public lives meet. What takes place there reflects the spirit of the communities that live here and how they change. It also shows Lambeth leading the way in changing social attitudes.

In 1955 Lambeth hit the news for holding a civic dance in the Assembly Room, known as the 'No Colour Bar Dance'. The mayor welcomed immigrants from the West Indies and invited equal numbers of local residents to help new neighbours get to know each other.

In 1975 the South Lambeth Gay Liberation Front held a 'Tango' at the Town Hall in support of the Gay Times Festival, which was the precursor to Gay Pride. Thirty-nine years later, Lambeth residents Ian Noonan and Thomas Alexander made history by becoming the first same-sex couple to marry in the borough.

## How you can help

We want to use some of your memories for an exhibition as part of the Your New Town Hall project. We're looking for your photos or other memorabilia as well as your memories in text format (140 characters).

You can:

- Tweet @FutureBrixton
- Email [futurebrixton@lambeth.gov.uk](mailto:futurebrixton@lambeth.gov.uk)
- Post to: Freepost RTTG-SZLT-RCZJ, Communications and Policy, Olive Morris House, 18 Brixton Hill, LONDON SW2 1RD.

For more information, visit [www.futurebrixton.org](http://www.futurebrixton.org)



Left: Poster of the Gay Times Tango, 1975.

Top left: Charlie Chaplin visits the Town Hall in October 1954 to present a cheque to help the poor in Lambeth.



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## Join our partnership as a parent representative

The **LEAP (Lambeth Early Action Partnership)** is an innovative programme that will transform the lives of babies, young children and their families in four Lambeth wards: Coldharbour, Stockwell, Tulse Hill and Vassall.

Working together with parents, carers, local workers and the community LEAP will provide a wide range of programmes to support parents and change the way services work with families.

**Who we are looking for:** enthusiastic parents and carers who live in the LEAP areas.

**The role:** together with other parents you will take part in six meetings year and act as ambassadors in your neighbourhood.

This is a voluntary position but expenses will be paid and training provided.

For more information please contact the LEAP team via LEAP: [admin@ncb.co.uk](mailto:admin@ncb.co.uk) or 0207 582 4182



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# Don't throw it away this Christmas

BY CATHERINE BOURKE



Did you know that in Lambeth, 85 per cent of your rubbish is recyclable? In 2014/15 we spent over £13 million on waste disposal, much of which could have been recycled. If we all do the right thing and reduce the amount of rubbish we produce and recycle as much as we can, we can all save money.



This Christmas, don't forget to recycle wrapping paper, Christmas cards and any additional packaging along with your usual items in your clear sacks or estate recycling bins.

We can accept paper and cardboard, glass bottles and jars, plastic bottles, pots, tubs and trays, food and drink cartons and tins and cans and there's no limit to the amount of recycling we'll collect.

You can also recycle your real Christmas trees after Christmas, either leave them out on your collection day from Monday 4 January or take them to one of the following collection points between Saturday 9 and Saturday 23 January. Please remove all decorations and plastic stands.

- Archbishop's Park, Carlisle Lane, SE1.
- Clapham Common, Windmill Drive, SW4.
- Streatham Common, rear of Upper Common car park, SE1.
- Lambeth Reuse and Recycling Centre, Vale Street (Closed Tuesday and Wednesday), SE27 9PA.

If your usual collection day is Friday it will change to Saturday on the weeks beginning 21 and 28 December. All other collections days remain the same.

To help prevent food waste and save money this Christmas, visit [www.lovefoodhatewaste.com](http://www.lovefoodhatewaste.com) for some great recipes. You'll find helpful tips on portion planning – perfect if you're cooking for guests and recipes to help you use up any leftovers. All bones, veg peelings and scrapings from plates can be recycled in your food waste bin.

For more information on what you can recycle, visit [www.lambeth.gov.uk/recycling](http://www.lambeth.gov.uk/recycling)





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Shop local on Small Business Saturday 5 December.

# Have a safe and happy Christmas and New Year

BY CHRISTINE LOUM

Visit [www.lambeth.gov.uk/DoTheRightThing](http://www.lambeth.gov.uk/DoTheRightThing)

The festive season has arrived and many of us are looking forward to celebrating with family and friends. There will be parties, social events, shopping and family gatherings taking place across the borough and we hope you make the most of what Lambeth has to offer.

## Keep it local

Whether you are looking for presents, shopping for ingredients or celebrating with a night out with family or friends you need look no further than Lambeth. You'll find great shopping, brilliant restaurants and fantastic entertainment in every corner of the borough.

Two of Lambeth's most popular party and shopping destinations are Brixton and Clapham, each area offering their own unique mix of markets, shops, restaurants and entertainment.

In **Brixton** you'll find a mecca of local and independent businesses and will be wowed by the variety of independent shops you'll find in Brixton Village, the fresh produce available from Brixton Market and the tasty cuisine on offer at POP Brixton. Brixton's vibrancy continues into the evening with plenty of restaurants, pubs, clubs and bars to keep you entertained.

In **Clapham** you'll find gastronomic delights in its many pubs, restaurants and cafes, a great high street with a mix of independent and commercial shops and around the corner in Clapham Old Town you'll be in boutique heaven. Clapham also has plenty of great bars and clubs and is one of London's most popular night-time destinations.

## Stay safe

As well as planning for an enjoyable Christmas and New Year it's also important to keep your personal safety in mind. Here are our top tips to help make sure you have a safe as well as fun Christmas:

### Shopping

- Keep your purse or wallet close to your body where you can feel it.
- When you take your shopping to your car put it out of site.
- Shield your PIN number at the cash point and put money away quickly and securely.

### Going out

- Plan your journey home in advance, tell people where you are going and look out for your friends.
- Make sure your mobile is charged and has credit before you go out.
- Keep your bags, coats and phone with you at all times, and if someone tries to grab your stuff let it go.
- Drink sensibly and avoid drugs – alcohol and drugs dull your instincts and awareness of danger.
- If you can, arrange to travel home with friends. If this isn't possible, make sure you text or phone a friend when you get home.

### At home

- Make sure you have a working smoke alarm.
- Never leave cooking unattended.
- Keep decorations, cards and wrapping paper away from candles, fires and heaters.
- Unplug fairy lights before you go to bed or go out.
- Check your Christmas tree lights conform to the British Standard.
- Secure your windows; leave a light on and lock your front door, even if you are inside.
- Do not leave boxes outside your home that advertise your new presents.



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**WALCOT FOUNDATION**  
[walcotfoundation.org.uk](http://walcotfoundation.org.uk)

We are seeking up to four exceptional people with a Lambeth connection to join the Board as Governors of the Foundation: [walcotfoundation.org.uk/gov2016](http://walcotfoundation.org.uk/gov2016)

A Living Wage Friendly Funder

It's been a very busy year for Brixton and it's not over just yet. Pop Brixton and Lambeth Council have recently announced plans that will see the Brixton Pound team deliver a brand new community give-back scheme.



**Small Business Saturday**

In Brixton you will find world class food outlets in our iconic indoor markets and bespoke jewellery and craft shops on Coldharbour Lane. There are also fantastic street markets where you can buy anything from a pair of binoculars to homemade honey.

**Free training**

Back2Business are looking for breadwinners and people over 50 to join free back to work training workshops. To find out more, visit [www.brandamplifier.co.uk](http://www.brandamplifier.co.uk)

**POP Christmas**

Pop Brixton are gearing up for lots of Christmas events including Christmas tree decoration for all the family, Santa's Grotto and a Christmas Market. To find out more, visit [www.popbrixton.org](http://www.popbrixton.org)

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# Putting the POP into giving back

The tenants are all moved in, the subsidised spaces are all full and the community events programme is in motion. Now Pop Brixton and Lambeth Council are partnering with Brixton Pound to deliver the community give-back scheme set out in the initial plans for the project.

Pop Tenants were selected based on their sustainable business plan and ability to engage with the community through training, skill

share and support. Tenants were signed up to donate an hour per week to local social initiatives.

This is already in place and successful events so far, such as Alexandra House's 'Inspiring Butterflies' and the Lambeth Working Team, have seen tenants mentor, advise and tutor on personal and career development.

**Get involved**

Brixton Pound and Pop Brixton share the same social vision of building a strong local co-operative

economy and supporting businesses with innovation, mentoring and training.

The first public presentation will be held on **Wednesday 9 December** from **6pm to 8pm** at Pop Box and will be an introduction to the scheme and chance for local people to register interest in forming a steering group. Applications should be submitted to [tom@brixtonpound.org](mailto:tom@brixtonpound.org) by Friday 11 December.

The initiative will be set up and running by February 2016.



# Norwood and Brixton Foodbank Supporting people in crisis

BY JON TAYLOR, BRIXTON FOODBANK MANAGER

Three years ago, I was working in the advertising industry for a major television broadcaster, commuting to central London on a daily basis. Already volunteering for the foodbank, I was stirred by the level of poverty that surrounded me. When redundancy came, I took a part-time position to see what I could do to help.



## How we started

It may seem like longer to some, but the Norwood and Brixton Foodbank were only established in 2011 – initially in West Norwood and soon after in Brixton.

Churches in the area united for a common purpose, as foodbank trustee and church leader, Owen Hylton, explains: “Churches in Lambeth decided to open a foodbank in response to the increasing need that was apparent in our borough. We were seeing people in our community suffering and wanted to do something together to help.”

From humble beginnings, we have grown to be one of the largest foodbanks in London. Our latest figures show we have fed over 25,000 people in crisis, which is a sobering thought.



## Could you donate an extra item this Christmas?

Our Christmas hamper project is growing. I was staggered when I saw how much food we collected last year, the pews and aisles of St Margaret’s Church, where we store our food, were overflowing. Every item was valuable, with mince pies, Christmas puddings, nice toiletries and chocolate treats combined with essential food items to provide a welcome gift over the festive period. The joyful reaction from our clients was priceless.

With changes to working tax credits looming, it is clear that the need for the Norwood and Brixton foodbank remains as pressing as ever. It is a service we wish we didn’t have to provide, but couldn’t do so without the overwhelming generosity of the people of Lambeth. Heartfelt thanks from all the foodbank team for your continued support and we wish you all a very happy Christmas!

Other ways to help:

- Financial donations help us address immediate shortages. To donate, visit [norwoodbrixton.foodbank.org.uk/donate](http://norwoodbrixton.foodbank.org.uk/donate)
- We need strong reusable bags, gloves and socks (new or as good as new).
- Volunteer with us (supermarket collections, warehouse or driving).

## Norwood Foodbank

St Luke’s Church, Knights Hill, SE27 0HS.  
Open: Tuesdays 10am–1pm and Fridays 10am–2pm.

## Brixton Foodbank

St Paul’s Church, Ferndale Road, SW9 8AH.  
Open: Tuesdays 10am–1pm and Saturdays 10am–1pm.



Foodbank volunteers.

## How we work

Non-perishable food is donated by the community. It is then sorted and dated by a team of volunteers and placed on our shelves. Our project lead, Elizabeth Maytomon, works tirelessly to ensure social workers, schools, job centres and advice workers are signed up to our voucher scheme.

Reasons for using our service include ill health, debt, domestic violence, benefit delays/changes, unemployment, homelessness and low income. Care professionals issue a voucher to the client, who then presents the voucher to us in exchange for food.

## More than just a foodbank

As well as providing essential food items for those in crisis, we are now looking at ways to help clients move out of their predicament. With funding support from Lambeth Council, we have been able to offer advice to clients from both Centre 70 and the Brixton Advice Centre, on complicated issues such as benefits, debt and housing.

Peter Elliot, case worker, Brixton Advice Centre, said: “Clients come to the foodbank in despair, with nowhere to turn. Working together, we offer hope through guidance,



## A client’s view

Jo from Brixton (above) has used foodbank on four or five occasions over two years. Jo said: “I found out about foodbank through the Walnut Tree Walk School, who issued me a voucher as I had been made redundant and had four kids to support. With the help of foodbank it felt like all the pressure was lifted. I have now retrained as a teaching assistant and last month I actually started my first teaching job.”



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There are lots of interesting things to do and places to visit in Lambeth. In this section you'll find a few suggestions to suit a range of interests. If you would like to have your event listed in this section, email us at [lambethtalk@lambeth.gov.uk](mailto:lambethtalk@lambeth.gov.uk)

## A guide to what's on in Lambeth



### Small Business Saturday

5 December

Celebrate Small Business Saturday in Lambeth on Saturday 5 December by shopping locally. Whether you're doing your weekly food shop, looking for a special gift or wanting to bag a bargain, you need look no further than Lambeth.



### Southbank Centre Winter Festival

Throughout December

Award-winning entertainment for all ages, pathways of twinkling lights, bustling riverside markets offering food, drinks and gift ideas, a retro roller disco and their famous Vintage New Year's Eve Party. Visit [www.southbankcentre.co.uk](http://www.southbankcentre.co.uk). Southbank Centre, Belvedere Road, SE1 8XX.

### Green and ethical Christmas Fayre

Saturday 5 December, 11am–4pm, adults £2, children FREE.

A traditional Christmas Fayre with stalls selling ethically sourced gifts and food. Visit Father Christmas and have lunch or coffee in the Green Cafe. Entrance includes access to the City Farm Nativity with animal petting and festive dressing up. Holy Trinity Church, Clapham Common, SW4 0QZ.

### Herne Hill Christmas Fair

Saturday 5 December, 11am–4pm, FREE.

Expect thigh-slapping fun, complete with haystacks and mulled wine, as musicians entertain on a live 'hill-billy' stage. You'll also find a Santa's grotto, a Christmas parade and you can try your hand at making festive tree ornaments, or just browse the stalls for the perfect Christmas gift. Visit [www.hernehillsociety.org.uk/events](http://www.hernehillsociety.org.uk/events)

### West Norwood Feast

Sunday 6 December, 10am–4pm, FREE.

Christmas shopping opportunities galore, from locally sourced produce to homemade crafts, vintage bric-a-brac, original art to toys and clothing. Food Fair: St Luke's Church, corner of Norwood Road and Knights Hill Road. Fresh 'n' Green: on the corner of Norwood Road and York Hill. Retro Village: outside Rosebery's Auction Rooms, Knights Hill Road. Visit [westnorwoodfeast.com](http://westnorwoodfeast.com)



### Morley Winter Fair

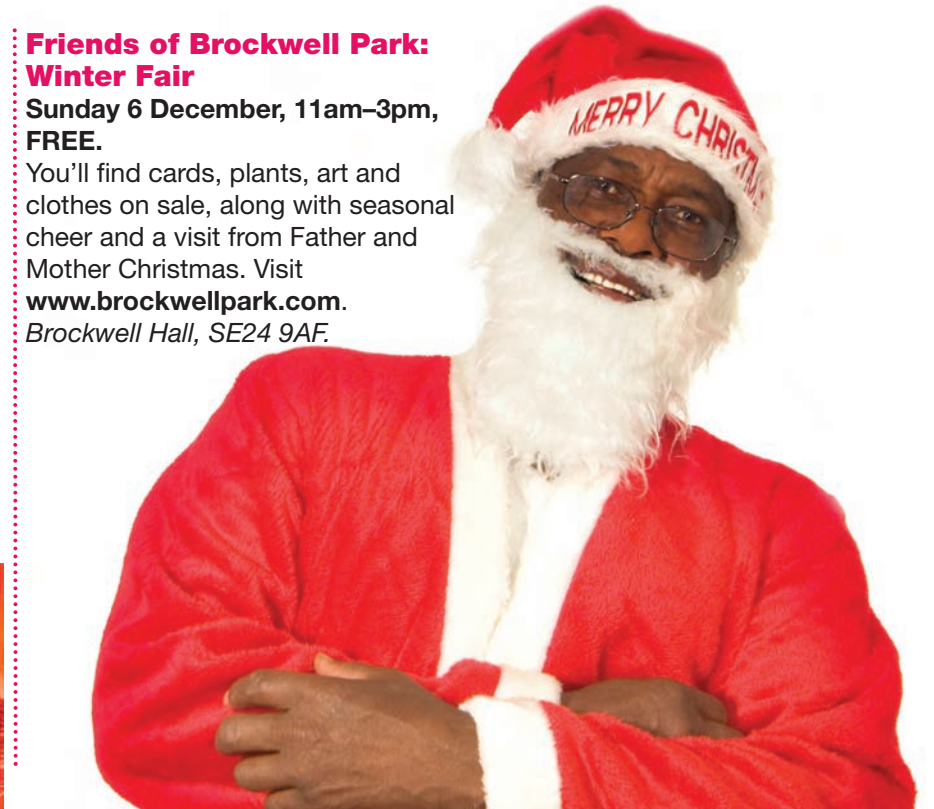
Sunday 6 December, 11am–3pm, FREE.

Discover handmade gifts, sample tasty treats, get creative with our fun family activities and enjoy an exciting programme of live music and entertainment. Visit [www.morleycollege.ac.uk/events](http://www.morleycollege.ac.uk/events) Morley College, 61 Westminster Bridge Road, SE1 7HT.

### Friends of Brockwell Park: Winter Fair

Sunday 6 December, 11am–3pm, FREE.

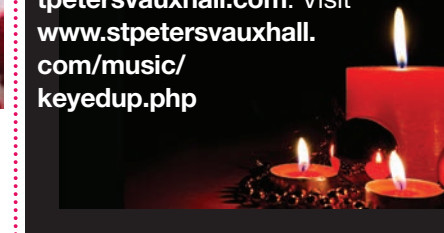
You'll find cards, plants, art and clothes on sale, along with seasonal cheer and a visit from Father and Mother Christmas. Visit [www.brockwellpark.com](http://www.brockwellpark.com). Brockwell Hall, SE24 9AF.



### Concert by Candlelight: An English Christmas

Wednesday 9 December, 7.30–9.30pm, £7.50 adults, £5 concessions.

Traditional carols, music and readings from Dickens and more. Tickets [keyedup@tpetersvauxhall.com](mailto:keyedup@tpetersvauxhall.com). Visit [www.stpetersvauxhall.com/music/keyedup.php](http://www.stpetersvauxhall.com/music/keyedup.php)



### Botanical Institute: arts and crafts

Saturday 12 December, 10am–12 noon, 2–4pm, £2 per child/£5 family.

For children aged four and over. Come along and enjoy festive plant based arts and crafts. Visit [www.slbi.org.uk](http://www.slbi.org.uk) 323 Norwood Road, SE24 9AQ.

### Carols in the park

Sunday 13 December, 1.30–3pm, FREE.

A brass band will play carols and there will also be craft activities for the children. Ruskin Park Bandstand, Denmark Hill, SE5 8EL.

### Christingle Christmas market and carol concert

Sunday 13 December, 1–5.30pm, FREE.

Small Christmas market, community stalls and festive carol singing. Myatts Field Park, Calais Street, SE5.





**We Knit Waterloo: Children's pom-pom making**

Thursday 17 December, 3.30-5.50pm, FREE.

Children and their carers are invited to make pom-poms, which will be used to decorate the Waterloo Christmas tree. Tickets [info@wearewaterloo.co.uk](mailto:info@wearewaterloo.co.uk) Little Marshans, 120-119 Lower Marsh, SE1 7AE.

**We Knit Waterloo: Knitting event**

Thursday 17 December, 6.30-8pm, FREE.

Christmas drinks and nibbles and lots of knitting! If knitting is not for you, you can still join us, there are many other ways you can support this project. Tickets [info@wearewaterloo.co.uk](mailto:info@wearewaterloo.co.uk) Love & Scandal, 107 Lower Marsh, SE1 7AB.

**Christmas Ceilidh**

Friday 18 December, 7pm, £7 adults, £6 concessions.

Festive music and dance extravaganza featuring stomping fiddles and a caller to show you the moves. Tickets [www.folkofthewood.co.uk/xmas.html](http://www.folkofthewood.co.uk/xmas.html) The Portico Gallery, 23a Knights Hill, West Norwood, SE27 0HS.

**Coin Street family Christmas party**

Saturday 19 December, 1-4pm, FREE.

For families with children aged eight and under. Get creative and join the Coin Street team for an afternoon of festive fun including minced pie making, arts and crafts and a reindeer hunt. Visit [www.coinstreet.org](http://www.coinstreet.org) or call 020 7021 1600. Coin Street Neighbourhood Centre, 108 Stamford Street, SE1 9NH.

**VOLUNTEERING**



**Make 2016 the year to volunteer**

The New Year is a time to think about new starts, breaking old habits and making positive changes to our lives. What could be a more rewarding way to do this, than to volunteer? We all owe a debt of gratitude to our 2015 Lambeth volunteers, for giving time and effort to extend our best wishes and sincere thanks to all volunteers in 2015, and look forward to a productive 2016 and welcoming more Lambeth Volunteer Champions!

To find out more about volunteering opportunities in Lambeth, visit Volunteer Centre Lambeth, 35 Brixton Station Road, SW9 8PB or call 020 7326 5480, or email [volunteering@vclambeth.org.uk](mailto:volunteering@vclambeth.org.uk)



**It's Your Local Market: Green Seasons Greetings Saturday 19 December, noon-5pm, FREE.**

A new urban sustainable market, that takes place every Saturday. You'll find a variety street food, fresh produce, arts and crafts, community information, workshops and entertainment. St Johns Angell Town, 49 Wiltshire Road, SW9 7NE.

**Streatham Common Co-operative: Christmas Fair Sunday 20 December, 11am-3pm, £2 adults/children free.**

Tempting craft and food stalls and to truly get you in the festive spirit there will be a Santa's Grotto and Christmas carols. The Rookery, Streatham Common, SW16.

**New Year's Eve Hogmanay Ceilidh**

Thursday 31 December, 8pm until late, advance tickets £20.

Starring Ceilidh Tree and special guest Scottish caller Louise Wells, plus eclectic folk cabaret from Harry Bird & The Rubber Wellies and Celtic groove DJ Faux Key with full light show. Bar with fizz, mulled wine and ales. Visit [www.ceilidhlondon.co.uk](http://www.ceilidhlondon.co.uk) or email [info@folkofthewood.co.uk](mailto:info@folkofthewood.co.uk). St Leonards Church, Streatham, SW16 1HS.

We are giving away two pairs of tickets for the first two readers to send in their answer to the following question:

Ceilidh Tree uses the Scottish Gaelic spelling of the word. What is the Irish spelling?

Send your answer to [info@folkofthewood.co.uk](mailto:info@folkofthewood.co.uk)

RECYCLE RIGHT GOLDEN TICKET

Full name: .....  
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Telephone: .....

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RESIDENTS HAVE  
THE CHANCE TO WIN

£250

WHEN THEY **RECYCLE RIGHT** IN THE  
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Recycling Prize Draw



### Did you know residents and community groups can get rewarded for Recycling Right?

To enter the prize draw, just cut out a **Golden Ticket** from the back of this page, fill it out and pop it in your clear recycling sack or bin along with the clean and dry items listed opposite.

You can submit a Golden Ticket each time you fill a clear bag or use your recycling bin. All tickets found with the correct recycling items at the sorting plant will be entered into the draw on **18 December 2015**. So the more you recycle, the more chance you have of winning. There will be two further draws in February and March 2016. If we find your ticket too late to be entered into one draw, we'll enter it into the next. If you run out of Golden Tickets you can visit [wrwa.gov.uk/GoldenTicket](http://wrwa.gov.uk/GoldenTicket) to print your own or find out where you can pick up some more.

**Community groups** can win up to £2,500 by improving recycling and reducing waste on their estate – please visit [lambeth.gov.uk/goldenticket](http://lambeth.gov.uk/goldenticket) for further details.

**GOOD LUCK!**



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