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**Welcome**

**to July's Lambeth talk**



In just one week last month we lowered the flags in memory of people killed in acts of violence that shocked the world (page 5). The massacre of 49 people in a gay club in Orlando and then, just days later, the brutal killing of Yorkshire MP Jo Cox on the doorstep of her constituency surgery.

London has borne witness to terrible acts of violence too often – fuelled by hatred, anger and intolerance. In 1999 Lambeth was a target of a homophobic attack when a nail bomb was let off in Brixton, as well as two other locations in London. Many in our own communities have had their lives ruined by senseless acts of violence and brutality and too many young lives ended by a gun or a knife.

We must stand together and reject those who wish to sow hatred and division and whose only language is violence and that starts with respecting one another in the way we communicate.

We can be passionate, we can disagree but we must remain civil because the easy insult, the twitter storm of trolling and intolerance is drowning our reason and decency.

**Councillor Lib Peck, Leader of the Council**



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# Repowering London wins award

**A ground-breaking London initiative has won Ashden 2016: Sustainable Communities Award for its innovative efforts to cut carbon emissions and contribute to a cleaner, healthier city.**



Social enterprise **Repowering London**, which works closely with the inner-city boroughs of Brixton and Hackney, is a joint winner of the **2016 Ashden Award for Sustainable Communities**, supported by the Esmée Fairburn Foundation, for its work championing community energy.

The Ashden Awards are a globally recognised measure of excellence in the field of sustainable energy. Winners

receive tailored support to scale up their work and up to £15,000 in prize money.

Agamemnon Otero, CEO of Repowering London, said:

“This is testament to the residents and local authorities with whom we have had the pleasure of working on decentralised community-owned renewable energy cooperatives. This award will support us to continue providing paid internships,

mentoring, energy advice and enabling resilient, socially smart cities.”

Repowering London has so far supported communities to install and manage solar panels on housing blocks and communal buildings in Brixton and Hackney. The scheme offers mentoring to help residents run community share offers, oversee installation of solar panels and manage the income generated. It also provides a 40-week paid internship programme for 14-24 year olds in the community and offers an energy efficiency scheme for vulnerable or elderly people.

## Gipsy Hill by-election result

The by-election in Gipsy Hill has been concluded with a new councillor elected for the Lambeth Council ward.

The poll on Thursday, June 9 saw Labour come first, the Greens second and the Conservative party come third.

There were seven candidates in all.

Labour’s Luke Murphy won with 1,220 votes after 27 per cent of eligible residents turned out to vote.



# Night light changes

Almost 13,000 street lights in the borough of Lambeth are to be replaced with energy efficient LED bulbs. The work will take place over the next year and will save the council up to £600,000 a year as well as cut the amount of energy used to light the streets. When changed, the LEDs will provide a more natural ‘white light’

than the yellow glow of existing bulbs. Lambeth’s cabinet member for Environment & Sustainability, Cllr Jennifer Brathwaite, said: “When there’s an opportunity to improve our service, help the environment and save money, we have to be proactive and take it.”

# Brixton remembers Muhammad Ali

**The former boxing champ known as “The Greatest” has his own corner at the Black Cultural Archives.**

The exhibit was put together following Ali’s death at the age of 74.

Days after his death, photos of Muhammad Ali at a school in Tulse Hill have been revealed for the first time. Neil Kenlock photographed Ali on a visit to Tulse Hill School in Brixton in the early 1970s where



1,800 pupils crammed into the main hall to hear him.

Muhammad Ali visited Brixton once again, on 17 February 1999, to support an initiative from the Jubilee 2000 Coalition to cancel Third World debt. He said “It feels like home,

I will come back again”. Loughborough Estate Boxing club in conjunction with Adult Dyslexia Organisation also paid tribute to Mohammed Ali on the day of his funeral. (photo of South London Press, from Lambeth Archives).

# Dust in the wind

We know there have been concerns regarding the level of dust from construction works for the Your New Town Hall project and people have reported seeing plumes of dust which are in fact, fine water spray used to damp down the site and minimise dust. We want to reassure our residents that Morgan Sindall’s Project Director and other site managers are monitoring work activities, with a specific focus on dust creation, on a daily basis. If you have any other concerns or would like to discuss this please contact Lee Askey on **07972 326521** or e-mail **lee.askey@morgansindall.com** who would be happy to take you through this in more detail.

# Tribute to Orlando



**Following the mass shooting in the US city of Orlando on June 12, Lambeth Council has paid tribute to the victims by flying the LGBT rainbow flag at half mast, in the Olive Morris House.**

Cllr Lib Peck, Lambeth Council leader, said: “Our thoughts are with all those affected by this senseless violence. We stand united with our LGBT communities in the face of this appalling homophobic attack – and loudly reject those who wish to sow hatred and division.”

In 1999, Lambeth itself was targeted by a violent, homophobic racist who set off a nail bomb in Brixton, as well as two other locations in London. The perpetrator hoped to stir up hatred between the Black, Asian and Gay communities.

His plan failed and in the wake of this latest appalling attack the importance of working hard to build understand and unity between communities is again at the forefront of our minds.

# SUMMER HOLIDAY CYCLE TRAINING

Lambeth Council and Cycle Confident are providing **FREE cycle training courses** for children in parks across the borough right through the summer holidays. So if your child lives or goes to school in Lambeth, why not sign them and their friends up now? Training is in small groups with two qualified instructors and bikes are available to borrow at Myatt's Fields Park.

Whether your child is a complete beginner who's looking to shed those stabilisers and pedal independently, a confident rider who'd like to brush up their road skills or somewhere in between, there are courses to suit everyone!



## Here's what's on offer:

### ● Complete Beginner Cycle Training

These courses are for age 5 years and over and are suitable for those who have never ridden a bike or would like to come off stabilisers. Courses consist of two mornings of training from 10.00 until 12.00.

### ● Level 1 Bikeability (off-road) Cycle Training

For age 5 years and over, this training is suitable for children who have basic riding ability (without stabilisers) and takes place entirely in the Park. Courses consist of two mornings of training from 10.00 until 12.00.

### ● Levels 1&2 Bikeability (road skills) Cycle Training

For age 9 years and over, this training is suitable for children who are fairly confident riders and would like to learn some road skills. Courses consist of four afternoons of training from 12.30 until 14.30. On day 1, children complete Level 1 training in the park and then on days 2-4 (abilities permitting), the group is taken out on to quiet local roads in order to complete Level 2 training.

# GET PEDALLING IN LAMBETH'S PARKS THIS SUMMER!



## Dates and locations:

### Clapham Common

Children must bring their own bikes to this course location

- Complete Beginners 3 & 4 August
- Complete Beginners 15 & 16 August
- Complete Beginners 17 & 18 August
- Level 1 Bikeability 1 & 2 August
- Levels 1&2 Bikeability 1-4 August
- Levels 1&2 Bikeability 15-18 August

### Brockwell Park

Children must bring their own bikes to this course location

- Complete Beginners 25 & 26 July
- Complete Beginners 27 & 28 July
- Complete Beginners 8 & 9 August
- Complete Beginners 24 & 25 August
- Level 1 Bikeability 10 & 11 August
- Level 1 Bikeability 22 & 23 August
- Levels 1&2 Bikeability 25-28 July
- Levels 1&2 Bikeability 8-11 August
- Levels 1&2 Bikeability 22-25 August

### Myatt's Fields Park

A limited number of bikes is available to borrow at this course location

- Complete Beginners 25 & 26 July
- Complete Beginners 27 & 28 July
- Complete Beginners 3 & 4 August
- Complete Beginners 8 & 9 August
- Complete Beginners 15 & 16 August
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- Levels 1&2 Bikeability 8-11 August
- Levels 1&2 Bikeability 15-18 August
- Levels 1&2 Bikeability 22-25 August

## PLACES ARE LIMITED SO BOOK NOW!

To book a holiday course or find out more about our training, visit the Cycle Confident website:

[www.cycleconfident.com/sponsors/lambeth](http://www.cycleconfident.com/sponsors/lambeth)

or call 020 303 16730



# Lambeth Country Show



**Lambeth Country Show 2016 is set to be the biggest and best yet... Brockwell Park will play host to the 42nd annual Lambeth Country Show on 16 and 17 July (12noon-8pm) and we have been working hard all year to pull out all the stops and make this one the best yet.**



## Flower Zone with the RHS on Tour

First off, we're pleased to announce that we will be partnering with the Royal Horticultural Society in the Flower Zone this year. Join in the fun with family friendly floral workshops, informative talks from expert growers and an extensive market selling a whole range of plants and cut flowers from specialist nurseries. There will also be all the regular exhibits of competitions on display in the main flower show marquee – including the infamous vegetable sculptures.

If you would like to enter any of our competitions, please visit [lambethcountryshow.co.uk/getinvolved](http://lambethcountryshow.co.uk/getinvolved)

We also have some exciting new content for you this year in the form of 'Discovery'. Hosted by the Royal Society of Biology and the Royal Society of Chemistry, it will be a brand new area to find out all about biology, the science of life and how it is making our world a better place. Try out experiments that scientists do to study diseases, play games all about food and nutrition and help scientists collect data about allergies.



## Did you know?

Lambeth Country Show is the only outdoor event in London to achieve the highest possible certification from Julie's Bicycle Creative Industry Green for our efforts to embed environmental sustainability in to our operations and activities. Not only this, but we are the only public event in the whole of the UK to achieve this too.

We have committed to being as environmentally sustainable as possible and have set out policies and an action plan to help us reduce the carbon footprint of the show. Last year our recycling rate was just shy of 35%. This is higher than the UK average, but we still want to be doing better and we need your help to achieve this. We ask you to be as considerate as you would be at home and dispose of your rubbish in the appropriate bins on site. This helps us recycle appropriately and reduce the amount of waste heading to landfill.

Here are some of our other environmental key facts:

- We are introducing the use of both bio diesel and solar power as an alternative power source with a target of reducing our diesel consumption by 80%
- It is mandatory for all food and drink traders to use compostable plates, cups and cutlery
- Reusable cups are being introduced at all bars for alcoholic drinks
- We are promoting and incentivising sustainable travel with the additional of a new Cycle Zone and increasing the number of secure cycle parks

To find out more about our sustainability work, please visit [www.lambethcountryshow.co.uk/sustainability](http://www.lambethcountryshow.co.uk/sustainability)

A-Z Show Guides will be available once again for a donation of £1 and will be the only place to find out full line-up timings as well as a handy map and other show information.



Visit our website for all the show information: [lambethcountryshow.co.uk](http://lambethcountryshow.co.uk)

Join in the conversation online – #LCS16 | @lbcountryshow

Tennis is a real sport for life, it's a great way to get fit, learn new skills and make new friends – and this summer you can find it everywhere around you!

# Match Point

If you wish to get your children involved or if you want something to do as a family or even if you are interested just for... yourself – we think that this summer there's a tennis session for everyone.

## What is the ideal age for someone to start playing tennis?

Anyone, no matter your age or ability, can play tennis. Mini Tennis programmes are available for 3 years plus.

## How many sessions do we need to be able to play for fun with a friend?

By practicing once or twice a week it will improve your game so you can play your friends.

## You have family sessions – can a grown up play tennis with a child?

A good way for children to get in to tennis is to start to try it out with their parents but ensure its about fun at the same time. Older children may enjoy the challenge of playing better than their parents.

## What is the standard cost for basic equipment?

Tennis equipment is available in all good sports stores and large supermarkets and can range from £5 – £10.

In 11 parks, 1 leisure centre and 4 clubs we offer coaching opportunities for people of all ages and abilities across Lambeth.

Find tennis opportunities near you at: [www.tennisinlambeth.com](http://www.tennisinlambeth.com) and <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/TennisInLambeth>

To book a tennis court in Lambeth, please call **020 7738 6834**

Book your tennis court online: <http://www.better.org.uk/leisure/lambethparks>

### Tennis competition

Love to tennis?  
Check our special offer on page 22!



## Game starts now

### Pop Brixton is launching a new summer outdoor space for playing and watching sports, right in the heart of Brixton.

Pop Fields is a new activity centre and events venue, celebrating sports and fitness in Lambeth. It is the go-to destination for watching Wimbledon, Test cricket, rugby internationals, Tour de France, The Open and the Rio Olympics and all sports events until the end of September.

Sports will be shown on the biggest screen in South London, with summer food and drink provided by Pop Brixton's community of traders, and a partnership between Brixton Brewery, the independent brewery based just 300 metres from the site..

Partnering with local community groups, Pop Fields will offer free use of its multi-purpose playing field, sporting facilities, outdoor space and viewing platforms, inviting schools and sporting groups to host sports

days, tournaments, exercise classes and public events.

Peter Armstrong, manager of local football and boxing club Afewee, said: "Afewee is a neighbour of Pop Brixton and is delighted that Pop Fields will be opening up just across the road from our current base of operations in Brixton Recreation Centre. Pop Fields will allow us to show-case what we do and engage with the wider community in promoting healthy activities that exist on their doorstep."

Cllr Jack Hopkins, Cabinet Member for Jobs and Growth at Lambeth Council said 'We are excited by the plans for Pop Fields, and its potential to support many of the fantastic sporting organisations that work in Lambeth, whilst inspiring engagement and participation in sports throughout the borough.'

### Don't miss the big events:

- The EUROS football: with the Quarter Finals (30th June - 3rd July) Semi-Finals (6th & 7th July), and Final (10th July) all being screened at Pop Fields.
- Wimbledon Tennis: with the majority of the tournament, being played between the 1st and 10th July.
- International cricket and the Tour de France.

### Feeling sporty? Join in:

- Basketball, football, tennis and more – all for a variety of ages and experiences.
- Afewee Football Club training sessions
- Give It A Try Rugby training sessions
- Block Workout free training sessions. Tuesdays 3pm-5pm

Pop Brixton: 49 Brixton Station Rd SW9 8PQ [www.popbrixton.org](http://www.popbrixton.org), 020 7274 2902 @PopBrixton

# Celebrating Streatham

**With music, theatre, comedy, crafts, and so much more, this year's festival theme is 'celebrating Streatham' and it is all about this fantastic corner of South London.**

Streatham Festival is back for its 15th year. The week-long arts festival will showcase an imaginative mix of top quality live music, spoken word, comedy performances and art trails.

In the year of Shakespeare's 400th birthday, the 2016 festival also has a strong literary theme. As well as an open-air performance of 'Hamlet' by the Festival Players Theatre Company, for which Lambeth talk informed you last month, there will be a rare opportunity to join the Streatham Theatre Company for tours of the historic Streatham Hill Theatre, with snippets of the Bard's plays performed around the venue.

Another literary event to look out for is the 'writing literary mysteries' workshop, presented by successful local author Christopher Bowden.

The highlight of the week for families is sure to be the Family Fun Day at the British Home on Saturday 9th. This event will feature food and fun from around the Streatham community, including a number of performances from local schoolchildren. Excitingly, the Family Fun Day will also play host to two performances of Harry; the play about Harry Styles of One Direction, which was a sell-out success at the Bedford earlier this year.

From Hill to Vale, the Streatham Festival 2016 will be a celebration you won't want to miss. If you would like further information, please visit [www.streathamfestival.com](http://www.streathamfestival.com), follow [@streatfest](https://twitter.com/streatfest) on Twitter or find The Streatham Festival on Facebook.



## Highlights

### Thursday 7 July

Screening of Baz Luhrmann's 'Romeo and Juliet'

### Friday 8 July

Ceilidh  
Comedy at the Hideaway

### Saturday 9 July

Family Fun Day  
Harry Potter's Jon Campling in a unique portrait event by Streatham Sketch  
Streatham Strut free live music in 11 venues



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# Meeting the Mayor

The new Mayor of Lambeth Cllr Saleha Jaffer is the founder of an organisation offering support to vulnerable families, endorses friendly communications with the younger generation and enjoys cooking indian curry, swimming and her local garden in Brixton.



**Where do you live? For how long have you been in Lambeth?**

I live in Brixton Hill and have lived in Lambeth for nearly 20 years.

**Only 2 women in 800 years have been elected Lord Mayors of London. How many women have been Mayors of Lambeth?**

I am the 14th female Mayor of Lambeth.

**What does it mean for the family life of a woman to follow a career in politics?**

I do not see any difference between men and women these days – both have family responsibilities and both have to make adjustments and sacrifices in their family life. Women also have the equal rights to follow their chosen career and that's why we have an equal opportunities law in this country. In my view, women make good politicians.

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**You are the founder of FAST – Families Against Stress and Trauma [www.familiesmatter.org.uk](http://www.familiesmatter.org.uk), an organisation which offers support and advice to vulnerable families and individuals. Can you share with us a story that made you feel proud of your cause?**

A few years ago, I did a case where a young Bangladeshi woman tried to stab and kill an East London MP. When I went to talk to the family, the siblings of the woman were also radicalised. My intervention made them realise that they were not going to gain anything by using violence. The result of my work with the family made me very proud of FAST and its causes. We try and prevent young people from becoming extremists – causing harm to themselves, their families and to the nation.

**In one of your interviews you said “only close relationships can tackle radicalisation” – is this a value that our communities should endorse and how can we promote it?**

I believe that families matter. Parents should establish good and friendly communications with their children so that they can share everything happening in their lives. By doing this, parents would have knowledge

of children's struggles and confusions (if there are any) and would be able to support and help them. I do fully endorse this value – we need to prioritise this value with our dealings with the community – maybe publicising it, creating safer environments for two generations to come together, to have open and honest dialogues, to build trust.

**What is your favourite spot (park, street, landmark) in Lambeth and why?**

I enjoy using my local garden which has children's facilities. I can listen to the birds, watch the children enjoying themselves and talk to local residents.

**What is your motto in life?**

My motto is turning failures into success, by learning from failures and working hard to achieve success. I'm never disappointed by my failures in my life.

**How would you like to spend a free evening?**

Swimming!

**Would you like to share your favourite recipe with us?**

Indian authentic chicken curry.





# The cool school



**Cool is a playground for the children to use as they wish and the staff are there to support, join in and take care. Lambeth talk asked Robin Langton to tell us all about Slade Gardens Adventure Playground.**

Slade Gardens Adventure Playground is a great place for children between the ages of 7-19, a rare open space covering over an acre of land with two play huts.

If you want you can grow veg or go to the tuck shop, play football outside or table football, draw, paint (yourself or paper!) bang a drum or be a clown, go on a zip line or swing on board the pirate ship, take risks as we believe taking risks leads to responsibility.

## What is the playground offering to the teenagers?

We have exciting playground structures, inside games room and an area for arts and crafts. We have a pool table, 4 table football tables, computers and table tennis, and a chance to meet other teenagers.

## Can people get qualifications from attending your activities?

We provide AQA UAS, a Unit Award Scheme, which can be used with most of the Entry Level Certificate and qualification. This approach can be used as a stepping stone towards achieving a full qualification, to accredit the work done by young people. These certificates can be

used towards and alongside school and college qualifications and employment.

## How many teenagers attend the playground?

Depends on the day, but when we are busy around 30.

## How can people get involved?

By turning up and enjoying yourselves!

### We cover the following topics:

Table tennis



Football

Cooking



Sports coach

Gardening



Plus many more

Speak to a member of Staff

### Slade Gardens Adventure Playground

Stockwell Park Road, London, SW9 0AD  
Tel: 020 7737 3829

Email: [Sladeadventure@btinternet.com](mailto:Sladeadventure@btinternet.com)  
Website: [www.sladeadventure.co.uk](http://www.sladeadventure.co.uk)

Once a week they meet and sing the songs they love. Sing4All is a fun choir with all members over 60. They have a great time together! Lambeth talk shared this feeling (and a fantastic slice of cake) by visiting one of their sessions.



# Let's sing

Singing in a choir has physical and psychological benefits, scientists say. "Some of our members have ongoing health issues, such as Parkinson's, Dementia, Alzheimer's, COPD and Pulmonary Fibrosis, and singing together communally is known to be beneficial to these problems" says Catherine Potter, the person who orchestrated this lovely idea three years ago.

Sing4ALL is a project of the charity 4ALL – Building Community in West Dulwich whose aim is to promote and run small scale projects within the community to foster local links and promote social cohesion.

I joined because I'm easily persuaded by others, and it stops me from sitting on a park bench moaning to other seniors" Michael, 86

I had never sung in a choir before and I enjoy the songs, the people, Ruth's piano and sense of camaraderie" Helen, 74

The youngest member is 63 and the oldest 92. Some of them have sung before, some have not.

Their Director Ruth Holton – is a professional musician, a soprano with an international career and the Director of Music at All Saints Church.

Interested? Join them! Members do not need to have had any previous choral experience, and no audition is necessary. They meet Tuesdays at the Community Centre (downstairs from the New Testament Church of God) 46 Guernsey Grove in SE24.



### Coffee morning gig

Tuesday 7 July, 10:30am-12 noon

After their successful concert in June, the Sing4all choir were invited again to perform downstairs at All Saints Church on Lovelace Road.

Join in to start your day in harmony! Free entry, donations welcome.



# Akerman Road

**The council is committed to building not only more homes, but better homes and a recent test on the Akerman road development shows just how committed we are to this.**

The Akerman Road development is one of the few developments in the UK which is aiming to meet the Passivhaus (Passive House) standard. This standard aims to minimise the amount of heating homes needs by building homes with exceptional airtightness. This airtightness is measured by how many 'air changes



per hour' a building would allow. While the maths that sits behind air changes per hour is complex what it shows isn't – higher the number the more heat that will leak out.

Current UK building regulations mean that modern homes are required not to allow more than 10 air changes per hour. The PassivHaus standard far exceeds this which means essentially that in a PassivHaus no heat is lost through leaks and drafts. This, combined with a ventilation system which recovers heat while allowing fresh air in not only ensures that the

PassivHaus home is healthy, avoids problems with mould and damp but it is also cheaper for people to live in – heating costs for the average PassivHaus are £5/month.

The Akerman Road homes are now erected and weather-tight and recently had their initial airtightness test. In this test they achieved a standard which is 30 times better than UK building regulations. This puts Akerman Road in a good position to meet the Passivhaus standard.

This shows that as well as building more homes for Lambeth the Council is also building better homes as this PassivHaus standard can only be achieved through a quality design and high levels of skill from the builders working on the project.

The development on Akerman Road will see nine new homes at council level rents with the first families moving in later this year.

## Let's chat



**In March, our rents team piloted the Council's first dedicated live web chat service. Tenants can contact us in real time online between 1 and 6pm and message us about their rent account.**

With over 500 "live chats" so far, feedback from users is overwhelmingly positive. Income Team's Hala Almousawi explains some of the reasons why:

"Residents can have discussions about finances – which could be quite sensitive – quickly and discreetly, on the go or on a break at work, without being overheard. It's convenient and encourages people who are less likely to talk to us on the phone.

"One web chat session can resolve an issue that could take several emails going back and forth and follow up questions. Documents such as rent statements – can be shared via webchat too.

Residents agree that it's convenient to talk to Income Team in their break or without going outside to make a mobile phone call. "Tenants often complain about having to take time off to sort out rent issues, and 'time is money'. With web chat, you can

do something at the same time.

"It's quicker. We believe that in itself will help to encourage people who may have previously been hard to reach. And a quicker service from us also means any issues are less likely to escalate and become harder to handle."

Income Team staff have got high scores for the service they provide, too:

- "excellent!!! a credit to Lambeth"
- Satisfied rating 5/5. "Very helpful."
- "A massive help".

One tenant said it was so good, she asked "Can you extend this to more services please?".

The success of the Income Live Chat service means that we hope to extend the hours soon. You can access Rents Live Chat via our website at: <http://housingmanagement.lambeth.gov.uk>

### LHS UPDATE

**Carol Swain, Albert Carr Gardens Estate SW8**



"I'm very happy with the new windows. I think it will change the whole outlook of the estate. The old windows were visibly rotting and there was so much condensation that when you cleaned the window sills it would make the paint flake off.

"We're on a pay as you go meter and since we got UPVC double glazing we only have the heating on in the evening – we used to need it all the time. We got shown how to use the latches and vents to let air in and prevent condensation – the vents are designed so you can go out and leave them without ever being afraid of someone getting a hand in. The new windows are much easier to clean, too – although Keepmoat cleaned them all once they were finished.

"They started at 8.30 am and did the whole flat by 2.30. They did next door the same day. The slowest thing was knocking one of the old windows out. Rea, the CLO, arranged for my husband to get help moving some new, heavy recliner chairs out of the way.

"The Keepmoat guys were cheery and chatty, always happy to answer any questions. They put down floor covering and put screws in so we cut put our net curtains back. They had to put scaffolding poles in my lavender bed, but they did sign an undertaking to put it all back – you want something nice to open your windows on.



# Macintosh Court

The tenants at 269 Leigham Court Road in Streatham have successfully requested that the name of their sheltered housing scheme is formally changed to Macintosh Court, after the architect who designed it. The estate has recently been listed as a building of historic and architectural importance. Kate Macintosh was the first female architect to design public housing in London. Her first work was Dawson Heights in Southwark, a project that was characterised "one of the most remarkable housing developments in the country".

The sheltered housing scheme estate was designed in the early 1970s and

has elements of Bauhaus. The complex was described at the time as "the London Borough of Lambeth's first wholly metric dwellings", while *The Guardian* dubbed it decades later "a modernist gem" (source: Wikipedia)

On both sides of the narrow front entrance there are some very conveniently placed small stores including a laundry service for the residents. The community hall is on the right side of the entrance and has a small patio. A colonnade is connecting the front part with the block of flats. The estate has 44 flats, in two-storey blocks of bungalows, all surrounding a large quiet garden.



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## A guide to what's on in Lambeth

If you would like to have your event listed in this section, email us at [lambethtalk@lambeth.gov.uk](mailto:lambethtalk@lambeth.gov.uk)

### Urban Art

Josephine Avenue,  
free, 9-10 July

Over 100 painters, photographers, printmakers and mixed media artists will present their work in this year's show. There will be an incredible range on display, and as well as seeing the art you'll also be able to talk to the artists about how they create their work with, the various techniques, crafts and skills.

This annual feast of creativity just goes from strength to strength each year. Don't miss Harriett Riddell who will be returning with her sewing machine to create live portraits with needle and thread. It has to be seen to be believed.

[Urbanart.co.uk](http://Urbanart.co.uk)



### Come to Dr Bike

Wednesdays 5:30-7:30pm

Bring your bike to our team of professional mechanics who will look it over for free and check tyres, breaks, gears and its general roadworthiness.

**6 July** Windrush square Brixton

**13 July** James Maxwell Clerk building  
57 Waterloo Road (opp IMAX)

**20 July** Cedars Road and Clapham  
Common Northside

**27 July** Kennington Triangle  
(opp Oval Station)



### Ruskin park music

Every Saturday 3pm, free

Lambeth Council, Making Music and the Friends of Ruskin park present free music concerts in the great green landscape of Ruskin park. Come along and enjoy the open air music. Deck chairs to relax in with a cuppa or ice cream.

**4 July:** Bloomsbury Music Group

**11 July:** Crystal Palace Band

**18 July:** King Groovy and the Hornstars

**25 July:** The Fabulous Honeys



### Picnic in the gardens

Vida Walsh is an activity centre for over 55's. July trips include a picnic at the Horniman gardens (11 July) and a visit to the Geffrye Museum and Gardens (27 July) in Hoxton. Individuals need to be fairly mobile and be able to use the toilet independently. Contact Bettina Wood [bettina.wood@ageuklambeth.org.uk](mailto:bettina.wood@ageuklambeth.org.uk), 0207 326 1780 or mobile number 0783 2328 331  
Vida Walsh, 2B Saltoun Road, Brixton, SW2 1EP

### The Jungle Book

Saturday 23 July – Monday 1 August  
Brockwell Park Walled Garden

A charming new adaptation of Rudyard Kipling's timeless classic. Audience and cast will move around in this drama specially created for the beautiful Walled Garden. Join Mowgli on her journey through the jungle as she finds friends, overcomes her enemies and learns to speak to the animals. A heart-warming coming of age story for all the family.

### VOLUNTEERING

#### Architecture fans needed!

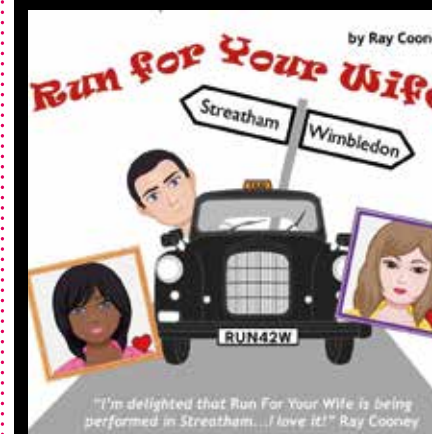


Open House London,  
17-18 September 2016

Open House London are recruiting volunteers to assist with the city's annual architectural showcase. Volunteers are offered support and information including briefings, training sessions, and toolkits. In return for giving up a morning or an afternoon of their time, volunteers receive a badge that allows them queue jump at buildings, as well as a complimentary copy of the Open House weekend guide. Sign up to volunteer now call 020 7373 2131 or go online: [volunteers.openhouse.org.uk](http://volunteers.openhouse.org.uk)

### This month in Streatham Hill Theatre

Your local theatre



**Run for Your Wife**  
by Ray Cooney  
7, 8 & 9 July

Our Streatham Festival show  
Streatham Tate Library at 7.30pm  
(doors & bar 7pm)

Tickets: £10 Adults;  
£8 concessions



**Preparing for Stage & Auditions:**  
**Qigong Breathing Workshop with Mike Jennett**

**12 July, 7pm for 7.30pm at Vinters.**  
1 August: Deadline for submissions  
for Streatham Shorts  
Members free. £3 for non-members



### Car Boot sale

Sunday 10 July, Brockwell car park  
9am-1pm

Friends of the Brockwell Park monthly fund-raising car boot sale next to the Lido. Refreshment stall. Free parking on Dulwich Road. Lots of bargains every time!



### Temple Social and Bowls Club Open Day

Sunday 17 July, 11am-5pm, free

Free use of equipment and coaching. Children welcome. Free tea, coffee biscuits, cakes. Squash bar available.  
1A Sunset Road, Herne Hill, London, SE5 8AE  
Telephone: 020 7274 2449  
Mobile: 07932910247  
Email: [templebowlingclub@gmail.com](mailto:templebowlingclub@gmail.com)



**25 and under? Lucky you!**

If you're aged 16 to 25, head down to BFI Southbank 45 minutes before the film starts to grab a last-minute ticket for just £3.

**Film competition**

**Spielberg fans only.** Thank you to all our readers who took part in our quiz last month. For July BFI Southbank is offering to Lambeth talk readers 5 double tickets for any Indiana Jones film and 5 double tickets for Jurassic Park.

**What was the name of the stones Indiana was looking for in the Temple of Doom?**

Send us an email [lambethtalk@lambeth.gov.uk](mailto:lambethtalk@lambeth.gov.uk) with the word Indiana or Jurassic as a subject line on Friday 8 July from 9am.

The first 5 emails with each subject line will be winning a double ticket. Note: the prize is for BFI Southbank, not IMAX. To book contact directly [www.bfi.org.uk/southbank](http://www.bfi.org.uk/southbank) South Block, Belvedere Rd, London SE1 8XT Phone: 0207 928 3232

**Tennis competition**

Do you know the answer to this question? (Hint: read Lambeth talk to find out!)

**What is the name of the new venue where we can watch Wimbledon and all other sports events in Brixton?**

Send us an email [lambethtalk@lambeth.gov.uk](mailto:lambethtalk@lambeth.gov.uk) with the word Tennis as a subject line on Friday 8 July at 9am. The first 4 emails we receive will win:

2 x FREE six week courses at Ferndale for adults and 2 x FREE six week courses for juniors\* at Clapham Leisure Centre and Ferndale Community Sports Centre.

\*Note: to win a course for juniors you must be the parent / carer of a child attending a Lambeth school.

**Sing and sign, baby!**

Sing and Sign is an award winning baby signing provider established in 2001. Classes bring together music and signing teaching parents to Sign with their babies enabling the babies to communicate before speech.

Introductory sessions are available in July:



- Saturday 16 July 10am St Barnabas Clapham Common Choir Vestry
- Friday 22 July 10am Holy Redeemer Church Vestry
- Wednesday 27 July 11am St Anne's and All Saints Vauxhall.

All workshops must be booked in advance as there is limited space.

The workshops are an introduction to baby signing and cost £15. Lambeth Talk readers receive a **10% discount on the price of the workshops quoting the code LAMTLK10** in the booking notes. Adjust the amount in PayPal and pay £13.50. Refreshments will be available.

Find out more: [www.singandsign.co.uk/classes/classes-near-you/clapham](http://www.singandsign.co.uk/classes/classes-near-you/clapham)  
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