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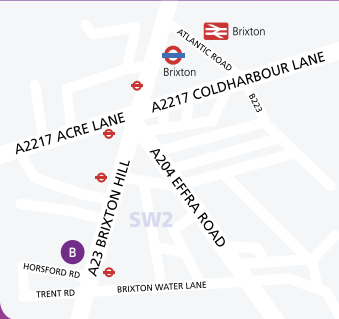
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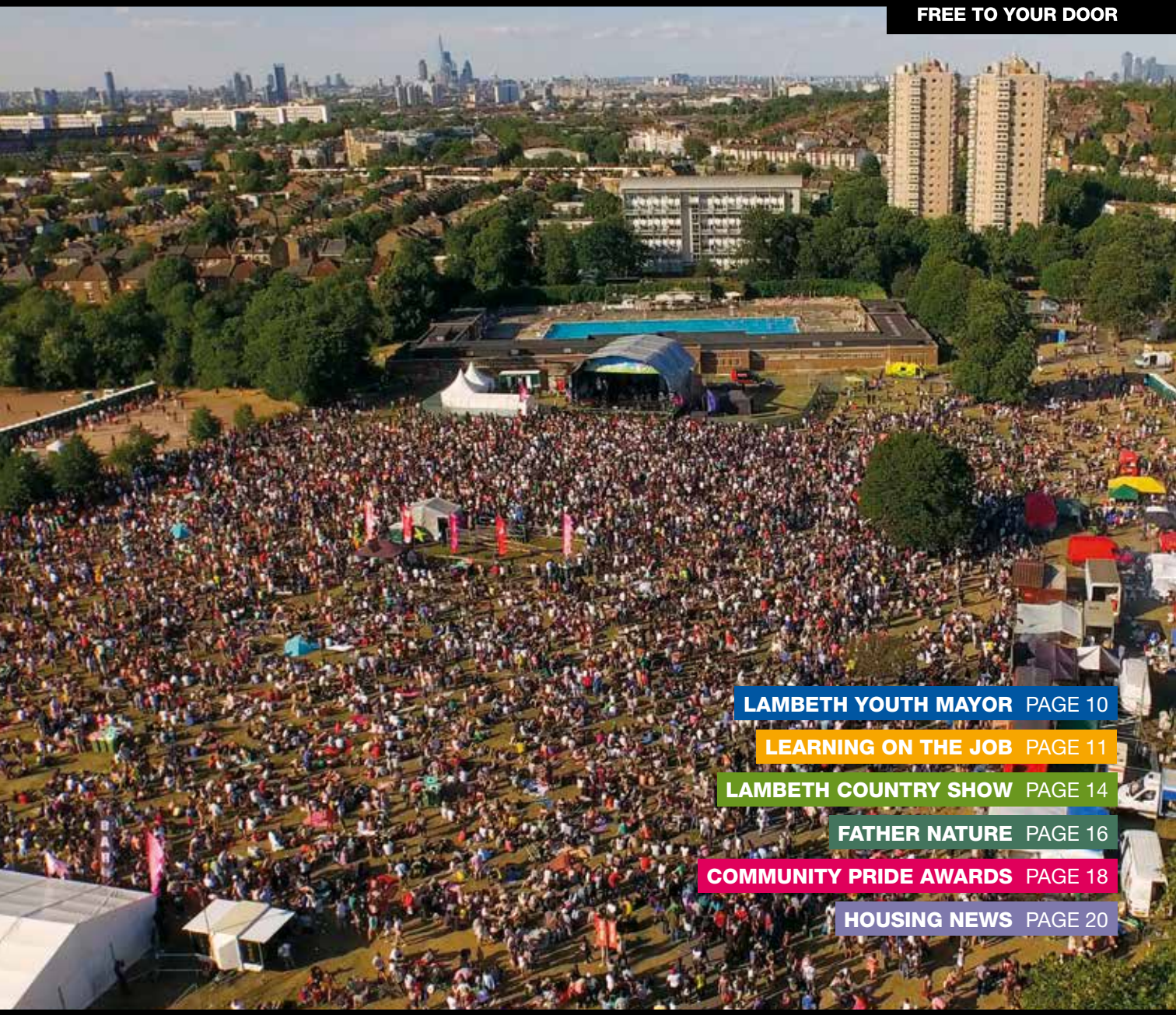


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Welcome

to May's Lambeth talk

The position of Mayor of Lambeth dates back to 1900 – a century earlier than that of Mayor of London.

The Mayor is the 'First Citizen' of the borough who represents all of us at citizenship and awards ceremonies, on Remembrance Day and other solemn occasions. People really appreciate the Mayor's presence and many good causes have benefited over the years from being the Mayor's designated charity.

Many of you will have come across Lambeth's mayors at some of the 300 or so events they attend each year, usually in their full ceremonial robes and gold chains. But who can forget the sight of our late Mayor, Mark Bennett, in striped blazer and straw hat astride a camel at the Lambeth Country Show in 2013?

So, on behalf of the borough, I say thank you to Cllr Donatus Anyanwu and congratulations to Cllr Saleha Jaffer who now takes over the role as the new Mayor of Lambeth.

Welcome to the Chain Gang!

Councillor Lib Peck, Leader of the council



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New sexual health programme

Lambeth, Southwark and Lewisham (LSL) councils have funded a new sexual health promotion programme consisting of two services: a sexual health promotion programme for adults delivered by the Rise Partnership and a condom card scheme for under-25s which is part of the pan-London brand ‘Come Correct’ and is coordinated by Brook.

The services provided include HIV testing, mentoring, peer support, parenting courses and 1-2-1 groups.

Come Correct is the London-wide condom scheme that makes it possible for young people (under 25) to register once and then continue to access free condoms from outlets across Lambeth.

The scheme aims to:

- reduce unintended teenage pregnancy
- reduce the transmission of HIV and Sexually Transmitted Infections

Outlets include clinics, colleges, youth centres, children’s centres, libraries, housing organisations, schools, voluntary organisations and pharmacies. This service is free and confidential.

To access any of the Rise partnership’s services, contact Parminder Sekhon on parminder@naz.org.uk. To access the Come Correct c-card scheme or training, contact Erif Petch on erif.petch@brook.org.uk.

Lambeth Mayor and cabinet announced



The new Mayor of Lambeth, Cllr Saleha Jaffer, was officially announced on April 13 at Lambeth Council’s Annual Meeting held at Elm Green School in Tulse Hill.

Cllr Jaffer takes over from Cllr Donatus Anyanwu who has performed the ceremonial duties since April last year. The new Deputy Mayor will be Cllr Marcia Cameron.

Lambeth Council’s cabinet was also confirmed at the Annual General Meeting, with Cllr Mohammed Seedat

coming in as joint cabinet member for Healthier & Stronger Communities. Building on his success as the Mayor of Lambeth, Cllr Donatus Anyanwu will also attend the cabinet as the Lead Member for Community Relations.

The full Lambeth council cabinet is as follows;

Leader of the Council
Cllr Lib Peck

Deputy Leader (Investment & Partnerships)
Cllr Paul McGlone

Deputy Leader (Finance)
Cllr Imogen Walker

Adult Social Care
Cllr Jackie Meldrum

Children & Schools
Cllr Jane Edbrooke

Environment & Transport
Cllr Jenny Brathwaite

Families & Young People
Cllr Jane Pickard

Healthier & Stronger Communities
Cllr Jim Dickson & Cllr Mohammed Seedat (job share)

Housing
Cllr Matthew Bennett

Regeneration, Business & Culture
Cllr Jack Hopkins

Lead Member for Community Relations
Cllr Donatus Anyanwu (attending Cabinet)

Bowie mural to be listed

Lambeth Council is set to locally list the David Bowie mural beside Morleys in Brixton which became a shrine to the artist who died in January.

Local listing would protect the mural. The council is also considering renaming the area where the mural is in Tunstall Place. The council is in contact with Bowie’s family about the many suggestions for a permanent memorial, including statues and place naming.

Cllr Lib Peck, Leader of Lambeth Council, said: “It is ultimately the family’s decision as to what may be appropriate. We must respect that and be patient. Lambeth residents have been overwhelmed by the outpouring of affection visibly demonstrated by floral tributes, messages and people visiting the Bowie mural to pay their respects to this unique ‘Brixton boy’.

“We are also in contact with the Bowie fan club and other Brixton organisations who want to honour the memory and legacy of this extraordinary artist. We will share any word we get from his family that will determine what we do next.”



The advertising contract for Bowie’s widow’s (Iman) cosmetics range ended so the poster has been removed.

Lambeth Council has commissioned photographs of the posters, mural, tributes and messages as a permanent record which will be mounted and given to Morleys, the 02, Pop Brixton and any other organisations that wish to display them. Morleys will preserve messages on the brick wall and non-perishable items like drawings and cards will be stored in the council archives.



Construction work starts on Your New Town Hall

Main construction work on the ‘Triangle site’ has started in earnest. This will involve: the demolition of Town Hall Parade and the erection of a six storey building to create a new; energy efficient Civic Office; Refurbishment and alterations to the Grade II listed Lambeth Town Hall and converting the Press building into a cycle hub comprising 260 cycle spaces.

The work means Buckner Rd is closed and Porden Rd becomes two way.

The Your New Town Hall project will provide

- A preserved and enhanced Grade II listed Town Hall
- A new, energy efficient civic building
- 194 new homes including 40% affordable housing
- New landscaped public areas

To find out more, visit www.futurebrixton.org and keep an eye out for some exciting new hoardings.

On top of the world

Eight girls skating in Better’s Streatham Ice and Leisure Centre competed in the Copenhagen Dance Cups 2016 and won eight medals. Lambeth talk is happy to host this local ‘dream team’ of talented young figure skaters.



L-R Back row Lois Cottey, Rosie Hope, Natalia Pallu-Neves, Emma Hutcheson, Faith Coker Front row Georgina Vickers, Alexandra Snowdon, Aimee Carrington-Frier. Photos of the Dream team by Dave Vickers (father of Georgina)

★
Alexandra Snowdon
9yrs – won 2 Golds

★
Emma Hutcheson
22yrs – won Gold

★
Rosie Hope
12yrs – won Silver

★
Natalia Pallu-Neves
11yrs – won Gold

★
Faith Coker
11yrs – won Silver

★
Lois Cottey
11yrs – won Bronze

★
Aimee Carrington-Frier
11yrs – won Silver

★
Georgina Vickers
11yrs – skated an impressive fourth

★



“Skating is a really big part of my life. After all the training and hard work to win two gold medals for Great Britain at the Copenhagen Dance Cup was a dream come true.

I feel really lucky to have such great coaches at my local rink. Without their support it would not have been possible.”

Alexandra Snowdon

The girls were accompanied by their coach, Phillippa Towler-Green, who is a four time Silver Ice Dance medallist and European and World Championship competitor, and their parents.

The girls train at the Streatham Ice and Leisure Centre and, in addition to Phillippa, are coached by her mother Diane Towler-Green MBE, (former Olympian), European and World Ice Dance Champion and her sister Candice Towler-Green, British Junior Ice Dance Champion.

One of the girls, Rosie Hope, was featured in Lambeth Talk in 2013, when the Lambeth Mayor opened the new rink.

The girls looked stunning in their sparkly dresses, skated beautifully and represented Great Britain with pride and elegance.

Ice age

Ice skating was brought to England from the Netherlands, where James II was briefly exiled in the 17th century. When he returned to England, this "new" sport was introduced to the British aristocracy, and was soon enjoyed by people from all walks of life. By the mid-19th century, ice skating was a popular pastime among the British upper and middle-classes, (Queen Victoria got to know her future husband, Prince Albert, through a series of ice skating trips.) and early attempts at the construction of artificial ice rinks were made during the 'rink mania' of 1841-44. As the technology for the maintenance of natural ice did not exist, these early rinks used a substitute consisting of a mixture of hog's lard and various salts.

(Source: Wikipedia)

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London Borough of Lambeth 2016-17 Budget and Council Tax

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of the Council's decisions (24 February 2016) on setting a Council Tax for the year 2016-17. The Council resolved, in accordance with Section 30 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (the Act), to set the following amounts of Council Tax for the year 2016-17 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:

Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D
£838.24	£977.95	£1,117.64	£1,257.35
Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H
£1,536.76	£1,816.18	£2,095.59	£2,514.71

In accordance with Section 11A of the Act the Council resolved that the following discounts shall apply for the year 2016-17

Property class	Property description	Percentage discount
C	Unoccupied and unfurnished	0%
D	Vacant and uninhabitable or undergoing structural alteration	0%

In accordance with Section 11B of the Act the Council resolved that the council tax payable in respect of a long term empty dwelling shall be increased by 50% for the year 2016-17.

Minutes of the meeting, together with the reports considered, are available at www.lambeth.gov.uk and Olive Morris House (during normal office hours). Please telephone 020 7926 2170 or email democracy@lambeth.gov.uk with any enquiries.

Dated: 2 May 2016
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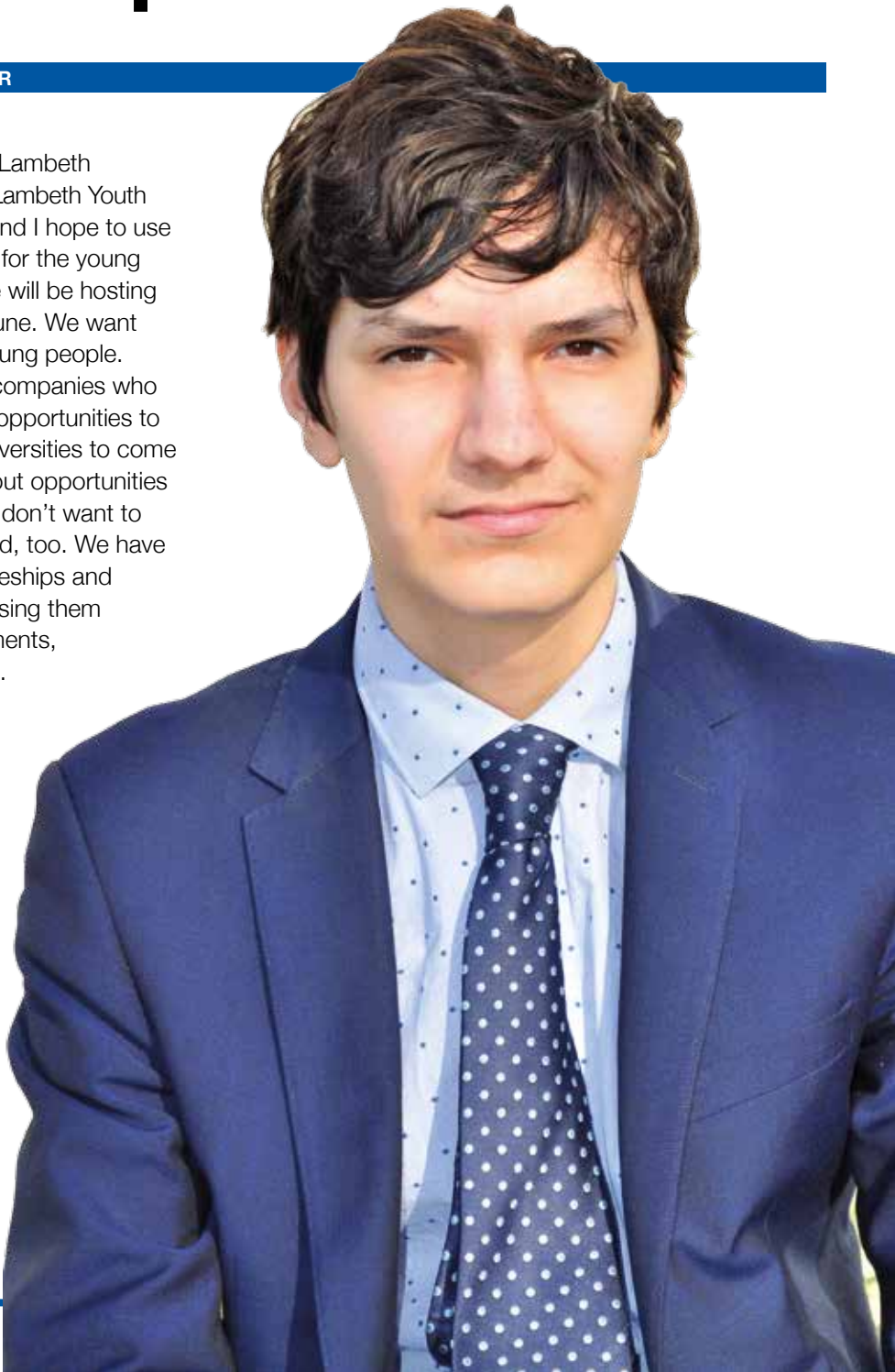
Lambeth Youth Council’s plans for young people

BY **DIOGO COSTA, LAMBETH YOUTH MAYOR**

In December 2015 the young people of Lambeth voted me, Diogo Costa, to be their new Lambeth Youth Mayor. My brand-new elected Cabinet and I hope to use our budget to create some great events for the young people of Lambeth. One major event we will be hosting is a careers fair at Lambeth College in June. We want to make sure that it is really useful for young people. Because of that, we have invited many companies who can provide work experience and other opportunities to our careers fair. We have also invited universities to come to this event to inform young people about opportunities in higher education – and for those who don’t want to go to university, we have got you covered, too. We have invited organisations that offer apprenticeships and help young people get into work by advising them on writing their CVs and personal statements, and improving their interview techniques.

This isn’t the only event that Lambeth Youth Council will be hosting, there will be much more coming in a few months’ time – you will just have to sit down and wait!

If you would like to contact the Lambeth Youth Council feel free! You can email us on **hello@lambethyouthcouncil.org** or tweet us on **[@LamYouthMayor](https://twitter.com/LamYouthMayor)**



Learning on the job

Although apprenticeships in England go back to the Middle Ages, they have never been higher on the agenda, either locally or nationally, than they are today – and Lambeth is a leading borough in this new project.

Over three million new apprenticeships will be created over the course of the next few years and policy has been developed to put apprenticeships at the heart of most organisations. Taking a lead role in this, Lambeth Council is committed to supporting 300 young Lambeth residents into apprenticeships by March 2017, at least 50 of whom will be in the council itself. The Lambeth Working Apprenticeships team was set up to help us meet this aim and is meeting with businesses and hiring managers to support them to take on apprentices, creating opportunities for some of the young people who need them most.

Lambeth Council, in collaboration with the NHS, recently invited local health care providers to an event to find out about the opportunities an apprentice can bring. From the event, 20 businesses agreed to create 26 apprenticeships, and Lambeth Working Apprenticeships is now supporting those businesses



Dr Martin Block – Lambeth CEPN Chair, Ilesha Addy – apprentice at Health Education England and David Monk, facilitator of the event.

to find suitable, passionate residents to work for them as apprentices.

Lambeth CEPN (Community Education Provider Network), a network of NHS employers which come together locally to consider workforce issues, was on hand at the event to provide expert advice to the attendees. Lambeth GP Dr Martin Block, chair of the CEPN, said: “For local people, taking an apprenticeship in a GP practice, pharmacy, dental practice, opticians or care home is a great way to start a career in healthcare.

Apprenticeships are available in a huge range of both clinical and administrative roles and are not just for young people. I would recommend that anyone taking their first steps on the career ladder or looking for a change of direction consider whether an apprenticeship in primary care could be a fantastic opportunity for them.”

Want to become an apprentice or find out more?

E: apprenticeships@lambeth.gov.uk
W: www.lambethworking.com

Success Story: Ilesha Addy



Ilesha had previously worked in various roles but needed an academic element to supplement her work experience. “The pre-employment programme I took before starting the role was very helpful and prepared me well for taking a role in the NHS.” She started a Business Administration (Level 2) apprenticeship in Health Education England in July 2015.

Lambeth Libraries provide a comprehensive service across the borough. They are valued public services that play an important role in providing space, books and enabling community activity. To support that belief it is free to join Lambeth Libraries, and when you join you become a member of all of them.



However as Lambeth Council looks to save £800,000 from its libraries budget as a result of cuts to its funding the services are changing. But rather than closing branches, the council is changing the way they are run.

Despite the budget cut Lambeth Council is pledging:

- To continue to provide a library service at ten sites in Lambeth; just as we do now
- Overall, Lambeth libraries will be open longer and book stocks will be protected
- To continue to improve the service and deliver the commitment to open two new libraries in the coming years

Under the council's Culture 2020 programme which plots the way forward



for libraries, parks, the arts and sports the following action is being taken:

Brixton Library – fully maintained service with existing opening hours

Streatham Library – newly expanded and refurbished in 2014, Streatham will keep the full service with existing opening hours

West Norwood Library – current building will maintain full service with existing opening hours. Plans have been agreed for a brand new library, with a full and comprehensive service, to open in 2017.

Clapham Library – brand new library opened in 2012, Clapham will keep the full service with existing opening hours

Tate South Lambeth Library – fully maintained service with existing opening hours

Durning Library – fully maintained service with existing opening hours

Upper Norwood Library – Funded by Lambeth and Croydon councils, the building will be run by Upper Norwood Library Trust, with a self-service library with librarians on site regularly to lead activities and to ensure that stock is up to date

Waterloo Library – moving from current building to the Oasis Centre in Westminster Bridge Road, with longer opening hours and a full stock of books

Carnegie Library – temporarily closed until early-2017, it will reopen with a neighbourhood library service with librarians on site regularly to lead activities and to ensure that stock is up to date. To cover the costs of the building so it can be kept open for the community, we have partnered with Greenwich Leisure Limited, a social enterprise, who will provide health and fitness facilities in the currently unused basement of the building. The overall space for community use, including the library service, will remain the same.

Minet – temporarily closed until early 2017, although access to the archives will remain. It will re-open as a neighbourhood library service in 2017, with books, computers and study space. The council has also partnered with Greenwich Leisure Limited, a social enterprise, who will provide health and fitness facilities.

For more information visit www.lambeth.gov.uk/lambeth-libraries-faq

Register to vote by Tuesday 7 June for the EU Referendum

Who can vote?

UK, Commonwealth, and citizens of British dependent territories are eligible to vote in the referendum. Citizens of EU countries other than UK, Ireland and Malta will not be eligible to vote.

How to register to vote

To register, visit www.gov.uk/register-to-vote – registering takes around five minutes and you'll need your National Insurance Number.

If you want to vote by post you will have until 5pm on Wednesday 8 June to apply. Contact Lambeth Council's electoral services for more information. Call 020 7926 2254 or email electoralservices@lambeth.gov.uk



There are lots of ways that you can get involved and influence decisions on local issues. For more information on how to get involved in local democracy in Lambeth, visit www.lambeth.gov.uk/democracy

Lambeth Country Show

Coming this July



Lambeth is already gearing up for this year's 42nd annual Country Show, with more than 300 attractions confirmed for the weekend.

More than 150,000 people are expected on 16 and 17 July in Brockwell Park to enjoy the best music, agriculture, food, fun and games south London has to offer. Once again, Lambeth is putting on the show free of charge for all to enjoy these activities from 12 noon to 8pm on both days.

Leader of Lambeth Council, Cllr Lib Peck, said: "The Country Show is something we all look forward to every year – it's the highlight of our social calendar in Lambeth and I can't wait for this year's event."

“There really is something for everyone and I’m sure it will prove as popular as ever. Lambeth is full of friendly, creative and talented people, all brought together in the wonderful location of Brockwell Park.”

There will be 10 different 'zones' at the show including the Main Stage, Main Arena, Village Green, Activate and Cultivate (arts, dance and culture workshops), Farm Zone, Flower Zone, Charity Zone, Food Hall, Craft Markets and a new Health & Wellbeing Market.

• Vauxhall City Farm are joining the fun

and setting up a petting area full of farmyard animals and there will also be a mini-zoo with creepy crawlies and meerkats, as well as an owl show and sheep shearers. Our 'best in show' will also be back, bigger and better than ever, with more than 70 different breeds of sheep.

- A secure cycle park will make it easy for those who want to cycle to Brockwell Park, with police on hand to offer anti-theft marking for bikes.

For more information about the show, please visit **www.lambethcountryshow.co.uk**

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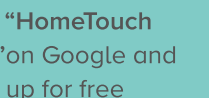


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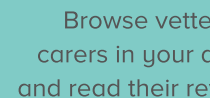
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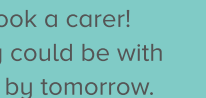
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It started with a gardening workshop in a Brixton park – a way for fathers and children to engage with each other and the nature surrounding them. Today, they organise outdoor classrooms, park sleepovers, and planting days across Lambeth.

Father Nature



Lambeth Talk met Crispin Swayne, the director (and dad) behind Father Nature.

Why... Father Nature (aka 'Fat Nat')?

"The name came out of my experience as a new dad wanting to interest my son Jago in nature. We went to a fathers' One o'clock club event in a Brixton park and saw dads standing around. No one was really engaging with each other or nature. Thanks to St Michael's Fellowship (the Lambeth Family Charity) we found a patch of land at the Liz Atkinson Centre and the dads started flooding in. I think men respond really well to hands-on projects. It's easier to discuss the challenges of parenting while working."

Why get closer to Nature?

"Being in Nature is crucial for our wellbeing, be it our mental health or to catch some sun and boost our vitamin D. We've got a serious child obesity problem in London and getting the kids outside is a vital part of combating this."

What are outdoor classrooms?

"An outdoor classroom may involve sheltered seating, a rainwater harvesting contraption, bug hotels, a mud kitchen, cob oven or water wall to experiment with natural materials, or dens to hide in. With our partners Natural Thinkers (Lambeth Early Years advisors) we're



bringing the idea of Forest Schooling to town and helping teachers take the curriculum outside, with great results. Four of the schools we work with (Sudbourne, Stockwell and St John's Primary Schools and Maytree Children's Centre) have just won GLA funding (the Whole Kids Award) for developing 'green teaching'."

What was the most rewarding moment for 'Fat Nat'?

"Probably watching kids I'd taught casually eating rocket and strawberries straight from the ground in Angell Town. I feel joy anytime I see anyone start their journey of intimacy with nature: a child's eyes when they plant their first seed – 'Look, I made a plant!'; the profound effect sitting still in nature has on people; kids making straw-bale igloos at Lambeth Country Show."

What's your vision for the future of Brixton?

"Lambeth (and Croydon) are pilot Food Flagship boroughs in London and now is a real opportunity to show how we can make the most of our green spaces to benefit all the residents and to make city living genuinely sustainable. Good urban design is a vital part of this, and we'd like Lambeth town planners and architects to lead the way – using local organisations like ours to soften the concrete and steel, and address the health and wellbeing manifesto. We want to see roof top growing everywhere (including the new town hall!); food growing and rainwater harvesting on every street; Big Park Sleepovers in every park (<http://www.fathernature.org.uk/community/the-big-park-sleepover/>); and all the nurseries, schools and community centres as recognised growing hubs for the borough."



Fat Nat on a planting day with partners Natural Thinkers at Christ Church primary school, Brixton

How can people get involved?

"We're always looking for volunteers for community planting days, and anyone can contact us if they want to get into gardening. We can put them in touch with other growers. If they have an idea for planters or pocket parks, just drop us a line at hello@fathernature.org.uk, tweet us on [@FatNatChat](https://twitter.com/FatNatChat), join our Facebook page and get on our mailing list at Fathernature.org.uk. Lambeth Council are very supportive of these kind of projects."

If you know someone or a group of people who go that extra mile to make a positive contribution to the lives of others in the community, please nominate them so we can thank them. Nominations are now open to recognise the unsung heroes of the borough. The awards are about highlighting their selfless acts of kindness and giving them the recognition they deserve.

Lambeth Community Pride Awards

Who will you nominate?

Categories

There are eight award categories and nominations are welcome from anybody who knows someone that they feel should be recognised.

1. Resident of the year award
2. Young person's community award
3. Bringing your neighbourhood together award
4. Innovation and enterprise award
5. Best garden award (individual property)
6. Best garden award (community garden)
7. Best food growing project
8. Voluntary or community organisation of the year award



For more information and to nominate, visit www.lambeth.gov.uk/communitypride

You can also pick up a nomination form in your local library or housing office and post them to us. If you have any queries, email communitypride@lambeth.gov.uk

Nominations close on **Sunday 5 June 2016 at midnight.**



Jonathan Harbourne, Resident of the year winner 2015

"The most important thing for me, as chair of Edmundsbury Tenants and Residents Association, was to generate even more pride in our estate amongst our residents. I see the chair's role, and the TRA's role, is to galvanise good relationships between residents, and between residents and the council."



Richard Keagan-Bull, Keeping Lambeth healthy community award winner 2015

"Having a learning difficulty and trying to be understood in the world is not easy. It means a lot to be the Co-chair of Lambeth Learning Disability Assembly and part of L'Arche, which was set up by a man called Jean Vanier. His dream was that people with learning difficulties can do what I am doing now, which is living in my flat and being able to live a normal and able life."

The council's Total Facilities Management contract includes a Community Development Fund, which will fund the Lambeth Community Pride Awards 2016.



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- A range of social events to cater for carers and their sons and daughters
- Bonus after 1st year of approval
- Peer mentoring to guide you through your early days in fostering
- Regular support groups
- Opportunities to enhance your fostering role, for example, joining committees and panel
- Approved carers receive £500 reward if they refer a friend and they become a carer.



Contact our team for a friendly chat about fostering or come to one of our monthly fostering information sessions.

Housing News is our information section for Lambeth Council housing tenants and leaseholders. Find us every month inside Lambeth talk and find out first about what is going on in your community. Share your stories hmcomms@lambeth.gov.uk Twitter @LivingLocalLDN

Lambeth Housing Standard
the next steps



LHS works on site May 2016 include new windows in South Area estates

The council has agreed the programme for Lambeth Housing Standard (LHS) works starting this financial year (2016-17). The programme has been developed based on the newest stock condition surveys from 2015 and local knowledge. The council can now direct its financial resources to estates and streets with the greatest technical need.

We plan to bring more than 6,000 more homes up to the Lambeth Housing Standard. As well as homes on large, small and medium estates, this will include hundreds of non-estate ‘street properties’.

Free chips for dogs

Microchipping is now compulsory for all dogs in the UK. Since April, all puppies must be chipped at 8 weeks old. The fine for an unchipped dog is up to £500.



Before the new law, Lambeth Council worked in partnership with Battersea Dogs & Cats’ Home to run a month of events on estates across the borough, offering tenants free microchipping and ID tags for their dogs.

- At Loughborough Community Centre, the charity fitted 8 dogs with microchips and 9 with ID tags.
- On Tulse Hill Estate (Central): 5 microchips, 12 ID Tags
- Mawbey Brough Estate (North): 7 microchips, 10 ID Tags
- Portobello Estate (South): 5 microchips, 8 ID tags, 4 new application forms to keep a dog.



Workwise one year on

‘Get Set Go’ residents trained with council staff to inspect estates.

Workwise is a partnership between Lambeth Housing Services and homelessness charity St Mungo’s. It’s to help council tenants at risk of losing their homes due to the under-occupancy charge (‘bedroom tax’). The aim is to build tenants’ skills and confidence to get them closer to employment – or, even better, get into work. First year results are very positive.

Jobseekers face many challenges: feeling out of touch with the jobs market; completing CVs or job applications; low self-confidence or motivation. But 70 Workwise tenants found full-time jobs including decorators, office admin, healthcare and nursery nursing. Four started business. Others do multiple part-time jobs earning enough to stop claiming benefits.

Workwise expected length of unemployment to impact on people’s chances – but 33% of those who gained work had been unemployed for two years or longer.

Volunteering

Workwise encourage people to make their CVs more impressive with work experience. Tenants joined the council’s ‘Get Set Go’ volunteering scheme, Lambeth Volunteer Centre and more. 54% of volunteers gained work. 11 people from ‘Get Set Go’ are now working towards ‘Community into Housing’ qualifications. Workwise and ‘Get Set Go’ were TPAS awards finalists for ‘Excellence in Employment, Skills and Training’.

“It has helped me break a barrier to work.”

Social impact score

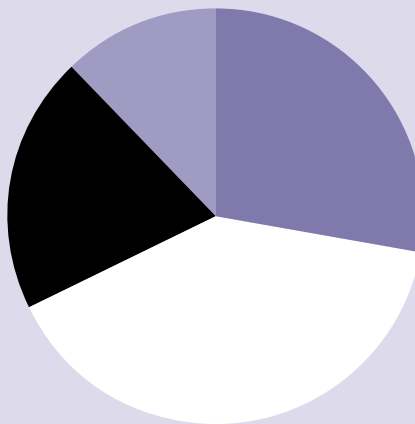
Measuring the community benefit of Workwise (using the Housing Association Charitable Trust (HACT) values for London) indicated a cost: benefit ratio of 1:19.94.

“Volunteer work gave me more confidence and experience of working with the public and within the community.”

Customer feedback

92.9% of Workwise clients told a focus group they’d benefited from the support, information, advice and guidance Workwise provided. 64.3% said they felt more confident about their employability.

Workwise worked with 198 Lambeth residents



28% North Area
40% Central
20% South
12% Lambeth TMOs/RMOs

Fly-tipping tip-off gets a ‘fine’ result



Great teamwork from cleaning contractors Pinnacle and the council’s tenancy enforcement officers helped Lambeth take effective action against commercial fly-tippers.

When Pinnacle cleared a tip on Woodvale Estate they found letters with a business name proving the illegal tipper was using our estate as a dumping ground.

A fixed penalty notice or fine wasn’t possible – so Estate Pride Project Officer Steven Darbyshire asked South Area’s Tenancy Enforcement “How can we use this evidence to act as a deterrent?”

Tenancy Enforcement investigated – and offered the business a choice: pay the cost of clearing the fly tip, or face legal action.

Pinnacle confirmed it cost £120 (more than most fixed penalties) to clear up the mess – and the fly-tippers will pay in full.

If you suspect fly-tipping on an estate contact SDerbyshire@lambeth.gov.uk



Walkabout results in planting and parking plan

Lambeth’s Estate Pride team designed and delivered improvements to Clapham Road Estate as the result of the first ‘Wednesday Walkabout’ in November 2015.

Wednesday Walkabouts mean Housing Services staff (from the Area Office, major works and repairs teams, and – with several ‘fresh pairs of eyes’ – people from ‘the back office’) teaming up to knock on doors and discuss problems, issues and ideas with residents. The walkabouts lead to action plans for improving the estate.

The Clapham Road changes improve the courtyard area and create a relaxing space for residents. The area includes new refuse enclosures.



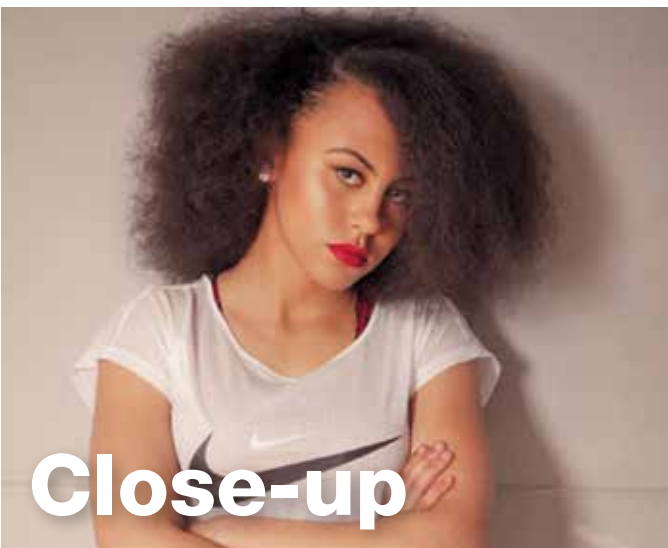
Point online goes live

Holderness Estate’s ‘the point’ TRA have launched a website to feature their achievements so far – including winning the ‘innovation’ category in November’s Community Pride awards – and look to the future. They say “We’re a small but ambitious voluntary-run community group in SE27 near Crown Point, spanning the border with Croydon, run by local people, for local people.”

The website includes a gallery of projects and a call for helping hands for future activities: “Volunteering is a great way to make a big difference, and anyone can do it! Experts report it can reduce stress and make you healthier. There’s so much more we could achieve with extra help; the impact could be huge!”

Their community space ‘the hub’ can host 20 people for meetings, learning workshops, a youth club, children’s cookery/ baking sessions, and a playgroup for under-5’s.

- Visit the Point ‘s new online home: www.thepointse27.org.uk.
- To ask about hiring the hub for meetings or children’s parties email: Info@thepointSE27.org.uk
- Email to offer the Point a helping hand – eg cooking, driving, IT support. email: Info@thepointSE27.org.uk



Close-up

Meet young resident Monae Winston, UK 200m champion:

“I’m Monae Winston. I’m 13 years old. I started athletics 2 or 3 years ago, by competing in mini school competitions and I discovered I was actually good. Then my primary school put me in the big South of London Championships where I won three gold medals – 100m, 200m, and 4x100 relay. After this I really started to love athletics and racing at school and I was asked to go to the club Herne Hill Harriers. I was then asked to compete in London Schools and I won that as well. I started representing Herne Hill Harriers officially and became number one under 13 in the UK for 200m in 2015; Surrey Championships winner; and London Schools Champion.

“I am faster than Dina Asher Smith and Jodie Williams when they were my age.”

Q: If you had a time machine, how would you like to see yourself in 10 years?

A: “I want to be competing in the Olympics, getting loads of gold medals and breaking records”.

Q: What would you advise young people reading this?

A: “Never give up on your dreams; always be focused on what you want; and be willing to make mistakes but to learn from them and improve.”

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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

A guide to what's on in Lambeth



Mary's Music Morning

Every Wednesday morning 10-11am during term time. Free.

'Stay and play' music session for kids under 5, all welcome. Come and sing songs and play music together! Free tea and coffee available.

St Luke's Hub, 25a Wincott Street, Kennington, SE11 4NT.

Herne Hill Film Festival

Various locations, free, up to 29 May

Our local free film festival comes back this year for a full month with an amazing programme as always. There will be a 48 hour film challenge and a short film evening.

Some of the highlights include: **Paddington**

7/5, 3pm, Herne Hill School

Goodbye Lenin

7/5 8:30pm Judith Kerr Primary School

The Cove

15/5, 7:30pm Prince Regent Pub

Koyaanisqatsi

17/5 7:30pm Off the Cuff

And the annual Brockwell park big event this year will be...Grease!



"Come sing along with the crowds to this classic 80s movie. You are actively encouraged to come dressed as greasers or in swingy skirts – quaffs and hairspray compulsory. Meet you by the White Temple in Brockwell Park at 9pm!" says the invitation.

Find them on facebook or follow them @HerneHillFilm www.freefilmfestivals.org



War and peace and poetry 2nd poetry competition

Closing date Friday 3rd June

'War & Peace in Today's World' is the theme for this year's poetry writing competition open to young people up to age 25 and organised by Youth in Excellence. Entrants are invited to write a poem no longer than 25 lines in which they give their views and ideas about the theme.

For submissions visit: <http://youthinexcellence.com/competition2016/>

Brockwell park Tuesday walk

Every Tuesday, Brockwell Lido 11 am.

Our friendly walk leaders will support and encourage you on this walk which starts from the Lido every Tuesday at 11am.

Race for life

Saturday 28 May, Clapham Common, 11am.

Cancer Research UK's Race for Life is a series of women-only events raising money for research into all 200 types of cancer. If you have ever witnessed the atmosphere of the race you will certainly agree that it is a unique experience of solidarity. Race for Life events are non-competitive, taking part is not about being fit or fast and participants can choose to walk, jog, run or even dance around the course if they prefer!

Visit raceforlife.org or call 0300 123 0770

Garden party with Age UK

Lambeth Palace Gardens, £5.

Take afternoon tea in this historical garden of London, dating back to the 12th century. The garden opens 12-3pm on the 1st of July. Your attendance will directly benefit older people in the borough.

Lambeth Palace, Lambeth Palace Road, SE1 7JU

Tickets: 020 7346 6800



Volunteering

Food heroes wanted



3.9 million tons of food go to waste every year in the UK while millions do not have enough to eat. Help FareShare change that by sorting food, take it to charities and gain experience of the charity sector and food industries.

Contact: **Michelle Ford**

Call: 020 73942473

If you're interested in getting involved, email fslondon@fareshare.org.uk

To find out about volunteering opportunities in Lambeth, get in touch with the Lambeth Voluntary Action Centre (LVAC).

Call: 020 7737 1419

Email: lvac@lambethvac.org.uk

Visit: www.lambethvac.org.uk

Let's get healthy!

Lambeth Health Trainer Service offers free, one-to-one sessions of advice and support with a Health Improvement Facilitator for anyone wanting to make healthy changes to their lifestyle. Reduce alcohol, exercise more, and improve your nutrition. You can be referred via your GP or self-refer on our hotline number.

Call: 020 30494474 email: gst-tr.healthtrainerservice@nhs.net



LOOKING FORWARD

Lambeth Council working in partnership with Lambeth College are hosting the Big Apprenticeship Day at Lambeth College on 25 June 2016. This event will have live apprenticeship vacancies, advice and guidance for young people and parents. Please email rtownsend@lambeth.gov.uk for further details.

Holistic and Wellbeing Day

Monday 9 May 11am-3pm, free

Open day to raise awareness on Mental Health and disabilities. Taster sessions around herbalism, nutrition, aromatherapy and reflexology. One to-one consultations. Selection of healthy food and holistic therapies. Connect and Do Space, 107 Railton Road, SE24 OLR.

Pay your **council tax**
by **direct debit** and
you could **win** one
of five **£1,000**
prizes.



Competition closes 1 July 2016. See website for terms and conditions.

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Building your Future

Our Brixton and Vauxhall Centres are currently being redeveloped to ensure our learners continue to benefit from high standards of teaching within state of the art facilities.

Vauxhall Centre Redevelopment



Artist's impressions

We have partnered with one of the country's biggest construction companies, Carillion plc, to transform our current site into a new 'Vauxhall Skills Centre' which is anticipated to be complete by September 2018.

The Vauxhall Skills Centre will be a world class education and training facility that will develop specialist skills in priority sectors and deliver significant numbers of apprenticeships and jobs for young people.

Brixton Centre Redevelopment



Artist's impressions

The refurbished Brixton Centre will offer a range of modern learning facilities with a focus on English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), English and Maths and employability for adults.

Temporary facilities are currently in place in Brixton and the redeveloped site is due to be complete by September 2017.



Open Event - Tuesday 10th May
5.00pm - 8.00pm Brixton Centre
020 7501 5000 lambethcollege.ac.uk



Apprenticeships

at Lambeth College – The Careers College

Why become an apprentice?

- Earn a wage
- Gain a qualification and learn new skills
- Receive quality and current training standards
- Meet new people and develop new opportunities
- Start on a career path



"My job role is to ensure that all income received has been recorded on the general ledger. I specifically choose an apprenticeship because I didn't want to take the university route and get into debt."

"My goal is to become a Chartered Accountant before the age of 27 and so far I am on track due to my apprenticeship."

Max Woodward

Finance Apprentice

Lambeth College – The Careers College

Apply for an apprenticeship vacancy via lambethcollege.ac.uk or register your details with our apprenticeship team via apprenticeships@lambethcollege.ac.uk



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