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11th -19th June

BIKE WEEK

Dr Bike everyday

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Tuesday – Waterloo
Wednesday – Clapham
Thursday – Kennington
Friday – Stockwell

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Animated ride in association with Omnibus Theatre

19th June

Cycle through Lambeth's Parks and Squares
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Family friendly ride.

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A Midsummer's Dream Ride

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Brixton 17th and 18th June

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Welcome

to June's Lambeth talk

Lambeth is renowned for its fantastic range of food. Whether you choose to cook it yourself with fresh produce from the borough's famous markets, to buy and try street food from stalls in Brixton or Lower Marsh or to eat in one of the many cafes and restaurants, the choice is truly global.

Food festivals are increasingly popular (as reported on page 12) and an important way to showcase not just talented cooks but fresh produce and growers. Food is a great draw for visitors and that's good for local business.

So with good food on the doorstep, the cricket season underway and Euro 2016 throughout June, there's a real feeling that summer's coming – and of course there's the wonderful Country Show to look forward to next month.

In Lambeth we're blessed with award winning parks, gardens and open spaces. If only we could guarantee the weather!

Sean Harriss, Chief Executive

Because of the pre-election rules on publicity this month's Welcome note is from Chief Executive Sean Harriss. Lib will be back in the next issue.



Let us know what you think about any of the features in this edition on our blog love.lambeth.gov.uk or join in the conversation [@lambeth_council](https://twitter.com/lambeth_council). To contribute stories, events or advertise in Lambeth talk, email lambethtalk@lambeth.gov.uk For our monthly e-newsletter, sign-up to love.lambeth.gov.uk/newsletters

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Pupil premium to La Retraite



A Lambeth secondary school has won a national award for its work in improving the attainment of its disadvantaged pupils.

La Retraite RC Girls' School picked up a Pupil Premium Award at a ceremony hosted by Childcare and Education Minister Sam Gyimah, in central London.

It beat scores of schools from across the country to the award, which recognises "schools which have helped improve the life chances of disadvantaged children".

Twenty-one schools were named as finalists across four categories – and two from London, two from the North East and one from the South West were named as national winners. La Retraite, in Clapham Park, won in the key stage 4 category.

Park Campus Academy, also in Lambeth, was named national runner-up in the category for special schools and alternative provision schools.

They were presented with awards by respected education expert Andreas Schleicher, Director for Education and Skills at the OECD, who chaired the judging panel.

La Retraite headteacher, Dominic Malins, said: "We are extremely proud of the students and their achievements. Their success isn't due to one factor, rather a range of ideas that have evolved over many years and are the result of all the staff and students working together"

Cathy Twist, Director of Education, Learning & Skills at Lambeth Council, said: "La Retraite RC Secondary Girls' School has a high number of pupils in receipt of pupil premium and is also the highest achieving school in the borough at GCSE. Their outcomes are amongst the best in the country, as is recognised by this amazing award."

Remember the Somme

Every year on the 1st July, a commemorative service is held in remembrance of the men who fought and died during the Battle of the Somme, but in 2016, marking the 100th anniversary, the British and French Governments will host a significantly larger event. Lambeth will be hosting an event on Monday 4 July from 10.30 at the Streatham War Memorial Gardens. The highlight of the service will be the unveiling of a paving stone in memory of Training Lieutenant Geoffrey Cather who died after making several heroic rescues of his comrades under intense enemy fire. He was awarded the Victoria Cross for his actions. 17 million people lost their lives in World War One. We will remember them.



Women who inspire

Barrister and banker Miranda Brawn, vice chair of Brixton's Black Cultural Archives, has won this year's "Awesome You" inspirational role model award from Women on the Crossroads. Women on the Crossroads CIC is a social enterprise operated by a registered not-for-profit UK company. It offers social networking for professional and non-professional women. "Our aim is to inspire, enable growth and success, communication, education and assistance for all women."



You are not alone

Lambeth stands ready to welcome refugee children who arrive in Britain alone after fleeing war-torn regions of the world, ministers have been told.

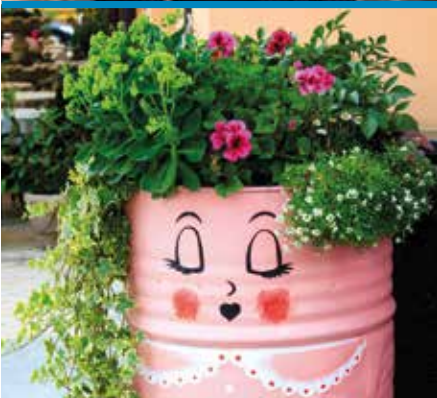
The Council has contacted the Home Office to signal that the borough is ready to look after unaccompanied young asylum-seekers who come to the UK from camps in Europe.

"Lambeth has a long history of offering refuge to people who have fled the most terrible conditions in other parts of the world," said a Council spokesman. A number of community groups and individuals in Lambeth have already called for action to help unaccompanied child

refugees. Several more people have asked how they can help the effort to find homes for unaccompanied children arriving in the UK.

In the meantime, Lambeth's specialist fostering and adoption services can offer advice and assistance to anyone who feels they might be able to offer a home to a vulnerable young person, at www.lambeth.gov.uk/fosteringandadoption.

Call: 020 7926 8710



Lambeth mourns Cllr Niranj Francis

Cllr Niranj Francis who represented Lambeth council's Gipsy Hill ward passed away on Saturday, April 23 after a tough battle against cancer.

Cllr Francis was first elected to Gipsy Hill ward in 2010 and he worked hard to improve safety in the area. As a local shop keeper and sub-postmaster he brought up his family in Lambeth and played an active role in supporting strong local schools as well as working to maintain local post office services. A by-election in Gipsy Hill ward will be held on 9/6.



New road layout

The section of South Lambeth Road, adjacent to the west side of the Memorial Garden, will be permanently closed to traffic and transformed into a new public space.

Other changes as part of the new road layout include:

- Vehicles will no longer be allowed to turn left from South Lambeth Road into Clapham Road
- The bus stop on South Lambeth Road will be relocated 50 metres north, affected bus routes include the 2,88 and N2.

Construction of this area is scheduled to be completed by summer 2016.

Please visit tfl.gov.uk/stockwellcross for more information and travel advice.

When art comes to town

Brixton will be the London Design Festival's new district. This year's festival will take place in September (17-25/9) and the theme will be "Rebel, Rebel". The programme includes events at Black Cultural Archives, Pop Brixton, Windrush Square and Brixton Village.



Mosaic Clubhouse Wins National Award

Mosaic Clubhouse won The Charity Governance Awards 2016 Managing Turnaround category and a prize of a £5,000 unrestricted grant. The charity, based in Effra Road, helps people living with mental health issues to re-join the worlds of friendship, family, employment and education. More than 300 clubhouse members – who all live with mental illness – use a unique model of side by side working to run the centre with 24 staff. Services include support in finding employment, education and housing – as well as a café and evening sanctuary.

Peter Cardell, Chair of Mosaic's Board of Trustees said: "This was a particularly difficult period in our history. We all pulled together and stuck to our values and despite the challenge emerged stronger and more determined than ever"

Michael Jarvis, who presented the awards on behalf of organisers

The Clothworkers' Company, said, "We had a tough field to choose from with some excellent examples of great charity governance. But what they all have in common is that they are delivering the best possible impact on those for whom they seek to make a real difference."

**The Charity Governance Awards are organised by The Clothworkers' Company*

On Thursday 30 June from 11am, as part of the national Celebration of Learning, Mosaic Clubhouse will be hosting a marketplace of local colleges and training providers including Morley College, Lambeth College, W.E.A., the Reader, Elm House, Vita Training and Consultancy and Lambeth Libraries. There will be a series of 'taster' workshops throughout the day to encourage Lambeth residents to take up the many education and training opportunities available to them. The event is free of charge. More details on www.mosaic-clubhouse.org or by email from l.elliott@mosaic-clubhouse.org.

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



**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."



Photo: Isaac Peral

**Jo Clayton (left) and
Angelie Yeboah, Innovation
award winners 2015**

"We were really excited to win the innovation category at the Community pride awards for our project, 'The Point'. We've worked really hard to try and engage as many residents from Holderness Estate as possible to change our community for the better and to get this recognition is a huge boost!"

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



Home-Start Lambeth

Stand by me

Sometimes you wish you only had someone to talk to. Volunteers support struggling families with young children giving them practical and emotional support. Apply now to secure a place in the June course.

Sophia Ruck has been a help and support to struggling young families in Lambeth for more than 14 years. And her commitment to local charity Home-Start – which supports vulnerable and often isolated families with children under five – was recognised by colleagues recently when she was presented with a bouquet of flowers.

“Often mums with young children are isolated – they might not know anyone living locally and it can be difficult with young children, especially twins, to even get out of the home,” says Sophia. “But visiting for just a couple of hours a week to offer emotional and practical support can make an enormous difference to the whole family.”

Sophia is now stepping down from volunteering with Home-Start. “I’ve really enjoyed working with parents who are trying to do their best in difficult circumstances and I’ve learnt a lot from meeting families with different backgrounds and cultures and understanding the problems they face.

“It has been very satisfying to link the family into what is available locally – from playgroups to health services. My aim was to be a friend to the family but you must respect that there are professional boundaries. First and foremost I am there for the children.” She is full of praise for the comprehensive training she received before becoming a volunteer. “I was helping families but I always had the support and back-up from my Home-Start colleagues.”

Apply now

Home-Start Lambeth is recruiting now for its next training course for volunteers who want to help support struggling families with young children. The course will build on the volunteers parenting and grandparenting experience to help them give practical and emotional support. Volunteers commit to support a family for two to three hours a week for at least a year and this could be from listening to the parent or helping to take the children to the park. If you are interested in helping a family – and in developing your skills – apply now to secure your place on the June course.

Email
info@homestartlambeth.co.uk,
visit homestartlambeth.co.uk
or call **020 7924 9292**.

Lambeth Country Show



Music headliners announced and brand new zones promise that this year's show will be the best ever.

This year's Lambeth Country Show is set to have more content than ever before and we're excited to be able to give you a sneak preview of what to expect. 'Discovery' is a brand new area celebrating all that's science, hosted by the Royal Societies of Biology and Chemistry. There will also be a new Cycle Zone that will be a one stop shop for all your cycling needs.

Our Main Stage music line-up has also been announced. We're thrilled to welcome Incognito who will be performing a 90 minute jazz, funk and soul set with a ten piece band on Saturday. MOBO award-winning saxophonist YolanDa Brown will be warming things up in the afternoon along with hip hop funk band The Mouse Outfit and electro swing duo The Correspondents.

Sunday welcomes back roots reggae day to the Main Stage with Jamaican artists Johnny Clarke and Little Roy

performing with the Dub Asante Band. MOBO award-winner Stylo G will be raising temperatures earlier in the day along with south London based Chainska Brassika who will be performing songs with Natty.

A-Z Show guides will be available once again for a suggested 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.

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

A Big Day in Life

Looking for a plan to go ahead? We may be able to help!
Lambeth Council and Lambeth College are hosting 'The Big Apprenticeship Day' on Saturday 25 June 2016 and we look forward to welcoming you at Lambeth College.

Apprenticeships

If you are leaving Year 11, 12 or 13, or you are a young person aged 16-24 looking to earn whilst you learn and gain free qualifications (subject to eligibility) or you are a parent or carer of a young person interested in finding out about apprenticeships in terms of what you can study, what your rights are and how you can progress, this major apprenticeship event is designed for you.

The Big Apprenticeship Day includes:

The Lambeth Apprentice Ambassadors Conference and Parent Briefing will showcase current Apprentice Ambassadors from a variety of job sectors and at different levels from intermediate to degree apprenticeships, the latest apprenticeship developments locally and nationally and a chance to meet

a panel of parent ambassadors with knowledge and educational expertise (parents of current apprentices) ready to answer your questions.

From 10am – 11:30am

Book via Eventbrite as below.

The Live Big Apprenticeship Recruitment Event is an opportunity for young people to receive impartial advice on the application process from dedicated apprenticeship advisors and network with a range of employers and providers with live apprenticeship vacancies from sectors including business, health, hospitality, accounting, construction and many more.

From 10am – 2:00pm

No booking required – just turn up.

Book your free tickets now!

Demand for the conference is high so please book early to secure your **FREE** place via www.eventbrite.co.uk (search for 'the Big Apprenticeship Day').

**Lambeth College, Clapham Common South Side,
London SW4 9BL**

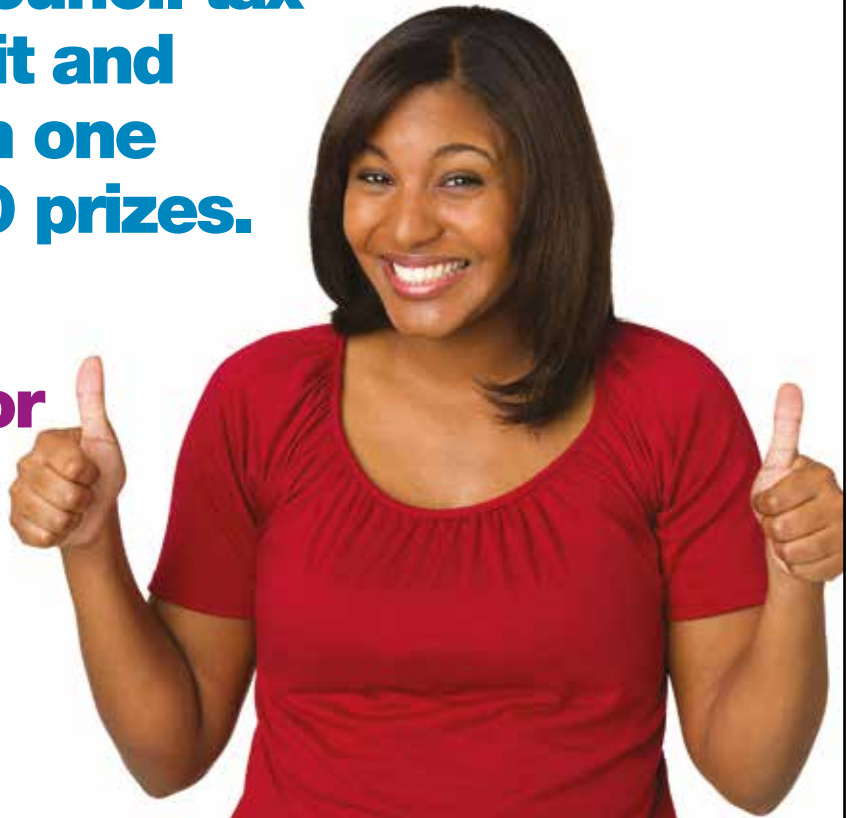


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2. Sign up to mylambeth for your chance to win...

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Streatham food festival

The world on your plate

The 7th annual festival will take place from Wednesday 15 to Sunday 19 June. The packed programme features something tasty for all the family:

- A culinary tour of the world. Around 30 restaurants will offer mini plates allowing visitors to taste a range of cuisines as they visit some of the best eateries Streatham has on offer, scoring them as they go (17 – 19 June)
- The Toddler Tour, an afternoon offering families the chance to test out the childrens' menus at some of Streatham's most family friendly venues (17 June)
- The Sunday Food Fair, a pop up celebration of food and entertainment, perfect for a father's day outing (19 June)

- Plus: a schools recipe competition, pop-up restaurants, a food growing session, charity fundraisers and more.

This year's Streatham Food Festival is funded by InStreatham BID, a not for profit company created by local businesses, for local businesses. Oli Osibo, chair of the BID, commented "We are delighted to support the Streatham Food Festival. In 2015 over 10,000 people participated in the festival, with 62 local businesses, 8 local charities and ten schools getting involved, so it's an ideal event to help us showcase what a wonderful, varied and interesting place Streatham is."

For further information contact:
www.streathamfoodfestival.com

We throw away over 1.5 million meals every day from our homes, which costs us a staggering £2.1 billion a year!

Love food, hate waste

'Love food, hate waste' is campaigning to help people reduce the amount of food they throw away, whether by cooking too much or not knowing what to do with any surplus food.

Cooking once and eating twice saves energy, time and money and ensures that we always have a decent meal at our fingertips. Love food, hate waste has some ideas, tips and recipes to help make the most of our time as well as the food we buy.

One less thing to think about

It's really useful to have some meals or some individual portions all **ready to eat** – it's one less thing to think about.

One way to reduce the stress of thinking about what to eat that night is to do some meal and menu **planning** in advance as this saves us both money and time.

Cook...chill out

Just make **extra portions of food for the freezer**, so you can relax knowing that a meal for another time is already sorted. Take a look at some of the **Cook Once, Eat Twice recipes** – many take just a few minutes to prepare before being left to simmer or cook in the oven.

Batch cooking means that there's always a choice of food in the freezer, which reduces stress in the kitchen.

For more information visit www.lovefoodhatewaste.com



They look after local people, organising food projects and supporting those who need help or advice. Lambeth talk met Virginia Nimarkoh, the heart of Lambeth Larder, based at St. Luke's Hub in Kennington.

Lambeth Larder



L to R: Laura (Money Champions Coordinator), Alex (Money Champion), Virginia (Community Food Coordinator), Sam (St. Luke's Hub Manager). Photography Saira Niazi

How is Lambeth Larder helping local people?

Lambeth Larder is not just about food. There's so much going on in Lambeth, lots of places to get help and support, so the resources are a great way to bring that information together. Lambeth Larder is the name for the resources I've produced over the past year. They include our website **lambethlarder.org** booklet, food list, mental wellbeing list and a new online community map. The resources are for local people to find help and support in the borough, as well as some opportunities for volunteering. I've had help from local groups, who've sent me information about what's going on in Lambeth. The website is really popular and I'm always looking for more things to add, so I'd really welcome any recipes, suggestions of organisations, or money saving tips from the community.



Virginia Nimarkoh



What is 'Healthy Holidays'?

Healthy Holidays Community Fund funds community groups to run food projects for young people in Lambeth during the school breaks. It's a pilot grant scheme that's been going since last summer and will end this summer. I've been working with five groups who have done some amazing projects including cooking and eating together, writing a healthy snack blog, learning about diet and sports excellence, visiting farms and food growing. We've also teamed up with FareShare London who provide healthy surplus fruit, snacks and drinks. Our aim is that we can use what we've learnt over the last year to apply for funding to expand the programme in future.

What is the community map? How does it work?

The Lambeth Larder Community Map is a new resource. It's an online map that shows organisations where local people can get involved, and find help and support. The categories include: emergency food, food growing, food surplus, wellbeing, money issues, getting online and more.

The information on the community map is a starting point. There are places in the borough that I don't know about that could be added. So the map is interactive, and the community can also add to it either by logging in or contacting me at food@wlm.org.uk

The aim is that we can create a resource that is really useful to the community. To access the community map visit lambethlarder.org



How can local people get involved?

I'm always looking for cheap and healthy recipes that I can add to the website or publish in the Lambeth Larder booklet. I'd love to receive more recipes or tips for saving money on food. So if anyone has any, they can send them to me at St. Luke's Hub or email food@wlm.org.uk

We've also just set up a community garden at St. Luke's Hub with funding from the Big Lottery. We've been working with Father Nature, and Lambeth GP Food Co-op will help us get it up and running. We'll have a gardening group, so anyone can come and get involved. We're also accepting donations from the community. So if anyone has any unwanted (but healthy) herbs or seedlings to donate, we'd be happy to have them! Or just come and visit the garden, we're open Monday to Friday 10am to 5pm, 25a Wincott St. SE11 4NT.

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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.

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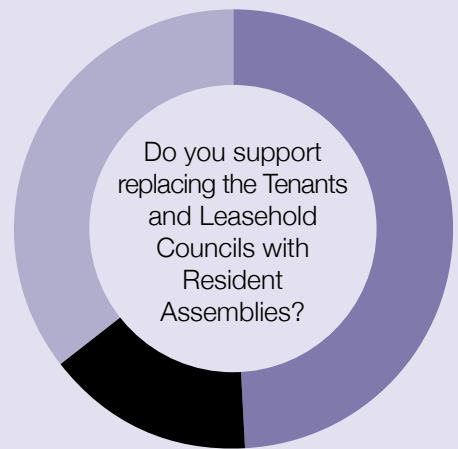
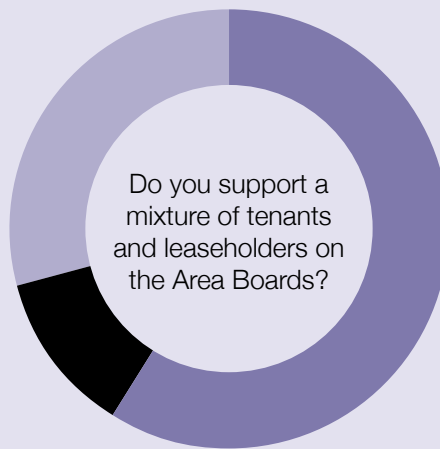
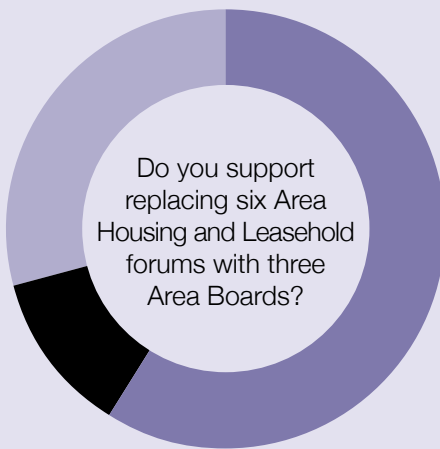
New ways of engagement

Thanks to the 1,173 residents who returned the questionnaire on the Council's proposals for new ways we engage with our residents about Housing Services.

Lots of people were interested in joining resident panels for reviewing complaints, procurement of new repairs and maintenance contracts, grant giving and the Lambeth 500+.

Unfortunately, many residents didn't put their names and addresses on the survey form so we don't have details of everyone who was interested.

If you are interested in being on a residents panel please email gettinginvolved@lambeth.gov.uk or ring **0207 926 3401** to say which panel(s) you're interested in.



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A thank you hug for Keepmoat from Mrs B

LHS UPDATE

Thanks from South Area

Works to make sure hundreds of homes in South Area estates meet the Lambeth Housing Standard – including new UPVC double glazing, roof repairs, internal and external decorations, and renewing water tanks in the roofspace – started late in 2015. Several estates, including Clive Road, Conway House and Windsor Close, are complete. The scaffolding is coming down and contractors Keepmoat are putting grass back where their site offices have been.

Windsor Close resident Mrs B sent a thank you note:

"Thank you for all the works done on the estate, now it will look just like it did when I moved in 50 years ago.

"I would like to convey my thanks to Paul Creane (site manager), Chris Jones (Resident Liaison Officer) and their army of workers, also our ever-busy Alexander, who is always friendly and cheerful, but most of all so very helpful to each and everybody.

"It's been a joy to hear friendly, cheerful voices and all works going to plan, so very well organised. Now we can look forward to the winter with our new windows and now we have a nice estate.."

Solomon S New skills, new start



Solomon S joined the Cleaning Team on Mawbey Brough Estate after work experience with Pinnacle's Pulse project.

Estate Services Officer Muhem Miah calls him "a genuinely dedicated individual, definitely a keeper. It gives me peace of mind knowing he has it all under control", and residents agree.

Before landing a full-time job, Solomon proved his love of helping people – clearing gardens for older or less mobile residents on the Lambeth assisted gardening scheme.

Solomon wanted to put unemployment behind him, learn new skills and get work experience. Garden clearance turned into a work placement with three months each on the grounds maintenance team, keeping grass and plants under control, and on estate cleaning.

Pinnacle Contract Manager Stuart Devine says: "Solomon wanted a chance. Once given it, he grabbed it with both hands and never looked back. Even in the early stages he clearly had the ambition to better himself."

Now, Pinnacle are investing in Solomon's future with a BICS qualification. Solomon says: "It's given me independence and allowed me to support my family."

If you, or a friend or neighbour, need help with your garden please talk to your Estate Housing Officer.

COWLEY ESTATE

Ahead of time

The project to install Lambeth Housing Standard kitchen and bathroom upgrades to more than 300 flats on Cowley Estate is more than 75% complete.

We expect to complete internal works on the estate by July – ahead of schedule.

The internal works will be followed by new pipework and radiators.

Resident Miss F emailed the site team to say: "I wish to thank all the team that worked on the refurbishing in my flat. I found them all very pleasant and courteous. The way everything was finished was just amazing."



Name the Pit

Vauxhall Gardens residents worked with the Council to transform the sunken area outside Hayman's Point and Coverley Gardens (nicknamed 'The Pit') into a tranquil community area. Latest news is young people's designs made into colourful mosaics and the launch of the area's changed name. The new name – the prizewinner in a competition for residents – is **Hayverley Garden Point**.

Repairs 2015/16

Last year we tried our best to improve our services and satisfy our tenants. How well have we performed? Here are our 'marks' together with our promise to try harder.



We raised 68,067 responsive repairs to 16,346 homes.



We delivered more repairs than in 2014/15, but the service cost £1m less.



The number of complaints as a percentage of repairs completed was 0.5%.



The average time to complete a repair was 8.5 days.



Latest figures (April 2016) show tenant satisfaction with the quality of their last repair was 90%. (Based on the monthly satisfaction sample survey conducted independently by BMG Research).



There have been no overdue repairs since June 2015.



£750k has been spent on planned maintenance and we have secured £3m to spend on planned preventative and cyclical maintenance – this should help to nip more repairs in the bud and save money long-term.

Garages Team does good business



Lambeth's Garages Team have turned an abandoned garage on Lothian Road Estate into an asset that can earn £1000s a year.

Cyril Dunne, who co-managed the project with fellow Technical and Repairs Officer Geoff Roche, explains how they made it happen on a budget:

"We agreed a deal to get the site jet washed the site in return for letting contractors use a disused garage on another estate as their site office for major works for the Council."

Doors worth £18,000 were recycled from another garage that was demolished to make way for new council housing. "We decided to store the doors so we could get sites back in to use at a much cheaper cost. We plan to re-use doors on two more sites this year."

Geoff and Cyril cleared the site. "The only things we had to pay for were minor welding work, outside lighting and a blocked drain.

"We're always looking to save money. All in all, we've brought over 500 garages back in the last three years, earning the Council £1000s through rental income."



DIY Skills Workshop



Tulse Hill plays to win

Tulse Hill Estate TRA realised that projects run by residents are most effective in providing long-term community benefits. That's how the idea of recruiting locally to run the Play Scheme was born. It's now in its third year.

Parents receive Safeguarding training and are DBS checked: some have moved on to full-time jobs in childcare. Between 20 and 35 children come every day. Children develop a network of adults they know, and adults who've looked after neighbours' children greet each other on the street, so the estate feels a safer and more pleasant place to live.

Tiziana Dorigo of Tulse Hill TRA said: "The Easter playscheme went amazingly: the children were keen in learning hands-on, and parents led by using their skills (sewing, knitting,

making bath bombs, shaping clay). It was very productive and built bonds as well as self-confidence.

"Boys and girls sat and worked together, while before boys would go out playing football while the girls were doing arts and crafts. If this continues, we will have a more cohesive, collaborative group of young people growing up on Tulse Hill."

Summer's Play Scheme will run throughout August, weekdays 1-5pm. Get in touch with the TRA tulsehillestate@yahoo.co.uk.

FREE for Lambeth Council Housing Residents

By Mitie and Lambeth

Covering: **Painting & Decorating; Tiling;** A Practical session intended to increase confidence and learn new skills.

Sessions will run from 10am-2pm.

Limited places. To book, or for further information please gettinginvolved@lambeth.gov.uk or call Ivor on **020 7926 3604**

*Certificate awarded on completion.

Regeneration Focus on Lollard Street

If you've walked along Lollard Street or Kennington Road recently, you may have seen what looks like the start of building work. If you thought that these looked like more homes being built you would be right.

Next month work starts on the construction of:

- 89 new homes
- of which 70 will be affordable homes at Council level rents
- 15 individual houses
- 6 apartment buildings
- A new Ethelred Nursery and Children's Centre on the corner of Kennington Road

What's planned?

Now that Ethelred Nursery has moved to Oakden Street and the Children's Centre to White Hart Street, the first step is the demolition of the old car park which has started in May 2016.

The land around Elkington Point, Brittany Point, Ward Point and the old Ethelred Nursery is being developed by Braeburn Estates for the Council. Braeburn is doing this as one of the conditions imposed on them by the Council as a part of the planning permission to redevelop the Shell Centre at Waterloo.

As well as contributing towards the Council's goal of building 1,000 new homes at Council rent levels, the scheme will improve pedestrian access through the area with new landscaping and communal areas.

Demolition should be completed in August 2016 with building work complete in spring 2018.

Homes for Lambeth

Braeburn Estates is paying for this development and carrying out the building work for Homes for Lambeth, the Council's 100% owned company which will be used to build more and better homes that we need for Lambeth residents.

Want to find out more?

If you want to find out more please get in touch with Lesley Johnson or Paul Gordon via:

T: 07956 645904

E: Lollardstreet@lambeth.gov.uk



Tenancy fraud is widespread across London and the South East due to the significant difference between private sector and council/housing association rents. In October 2013 the Prevention of Social Housing Fraud Act was introduced; it made subletting by a council tenant a criminal offence and gave local authorities new powers to deal with offenders.

Tenancy Fraud in Lambeth



Lambeth takes tenancy fraud extremely seriously, and employs a team of fraud investigators that looks into allegations of tenancy fraud and takes action against offenders. The Team works closely with colleagues in Lambeth Housing Management and with housing associations that have properties in the Borough.

Over the past 5 years the Counter Fraud Team has recovered 410 properties from fraudsters on behalf of Lambeth Council and local housing associations. In addition, 17 tenants have been prosecuted for tenancy fraud offences during this period. One such case is detailed below:

A 59 year old Brixton woman was prosecuted by Lambeth Council for subletting the flat that she rents from the council. Estate agents, Nelsons

of Southwark Bridge Road were also prosecuted for aiding and abetting the commission of the offence.

Maria Polonio, of Harper House, Angell Town returned to Portugal in December 2014 and asked Nelsons to rent out the property on her behalf. Letting agents are required to check whether the person renting out a property is entitled to do so, but Nelsons failed to do so and the property was rented out from December 2014 until September 2015.

Lambeth investigators received an anonymous referral in late July 2015 indicating that Polonio hadn't been seen at the property for several months. Following an investigation and visit to the property in August 2015, sub-tenants were found there and confirmed they were paying rent

at a significantly higher level than that charged by Lambeth council.

On 29 March 2016 Polonio entered guilty pleas to two charges under the Prevention of Social Housing Fraud Act 2013 and was ordered to pay Lambeth costs of £816.00 and an unlawful profit order of £6,547.44, based on the profit she made in renting out the property. Nelsons SE1 Limited (trading as Nelsons) pleaded guilty to one offence and were fined £1,000 and ordered to pay costs of £847.00.

If you believe a Lambeth property is being sublet or has been fraudulently obtained please report it. You can contact us at investigations@lambeth.gov.uk, call **0207 926 1111** or by visiting www.lambeth.gov.uk/forms/report-fraud

In 2015 Lambeth's counter fraud team had:

- Recovered 93 properties that were subject to tenancy fraud at a value of £1.674 million
- Made recommendations for the recovery of 104 properties that were subject to tenancy fraud
- Prevented eight right-to-buy

discounts valued at over £800,000

- Prosecuted 14 claimants for benefit fraud and secured sanctions against another 10 claimants (benefit fraud investigations were transferred to the central government's Department for Work and Pensions in February last year)
- Prosecuted six tenants for tenancy fraud offences (four in relation to

subletting and two for right to buy fraud)

- Identified £662,000 in fraudulent benefit overpayments
- Secured compensation payments in relation to three cases under proceeds of crime legislation exceeding £430,000
- Secured compensation of £75,000 in relation to a tenancy fraud prosecution.

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



Walk and Workout

Every Saturday, 10am, free

Start your weekend with a nice and easy walk and light workout that will boost your energy levels. Our weekly outdoor activity session in Clapham Common is suitable for all ages and abilities. The time is convenient to allow you to finish all those pending-for-the-weekend tasks! Meeting at the Paddling Pool. For more information or to book call: **020 7926 0761** or email: healthylifestyles@lambeth.gov.uk



Insight into Islam

Meet and break the fast with local Muslims and the wider community during Ramadan.

Insight into Islam is a community organisation working to challenge the message of extremism as well as rising islamophobia and misconceptions.

We will attend short educational and inspirational lectures about the spiritual and health benefits of fasting, followed by a serving of food to break the fast with the general public at 9 pm. To conclude, prayer will be performed, and literature will be available to take away.

At Brixton library 7–9 June 10am–4pm and a Ramadan Dawah Tent on Windrush Square (Public Square in front of Ritzy Cinema) on 11, 17, 23 June and 2 July from 2–10.30pm.



The Livity School Fundraising Fair

Saturday 25 June 12.30–3.30pm

Entry only 50p

The Livity School is the primary school for children with complex special educational needs in Lambeth. Come and join us, play games and win prizes. *The Livity School, Adare Walk, Off Mountearl Gardens (off Leigham Court Road), Streatham London SW16 2PW*

For more information email

pkavarana@thelivity.lambeth.sch.uk



20 years Abbeville fete

Saturday 25 June 12–6pm, free

The Abbeville Fete celebrates London's diversity, community spirit and local enterprise with more than 60 street stalls, a street BBQ and bar, a dedicated kids zone, a fancy dress parade (this year's theme – seaside), live music and even a dog show! Since its creation in 1997, the fete has raised an estimated £250,000 for local causes in Lambeth. *Abbeville Road SW4, Clapham.*

Jumble Sale**Saturday 18 June from 2.15pm****Admission 50p**

Community jumble sale at All Saints Church West Dulwich. Crypt: entrance from Rosendale Road
All Saints Church West Dulwich
 SE21 8JY

**Summer Forest Fayre**

A group of Forest Network traders are presenting their unique installation at Brixton's independent Diverse Gifts store. Shop and find out how a social enterprise, Tree Shepherd, supports low income startups.

Diverse Gifts, 390 Coldharbour Lane, Brixton SW9 8LF

Looking Forward

2-10 July Streatham Festival
www.streathamfestival.com

Shakespeare in the Rookery
 – Hamlet

3 July 2016, from 3pm Tickets prices £6 for U16s; concessions £11.50 adults £13.50.

For the 400th anniversary of the nation's greatest playwright, the Festival Players perform Shakespeare's greatest thriller on the beautiful lawns of Streatham Common Rookery. Bring your own seating or rug and a picnic. Tickets available from Streatham Tate Library or at thefestivalplayers.co.uk/tour

Brixton Dance School**Ballet: 3–3.30pm****Street Dance: 3.30–5.30pm**

For children aged 4 – 13 years

Both classes are taken by a qualified dance instructor and cost £1.00 a session.

Ferndale Community Sports Centre, Nursery Road, London, SW9 8PB

Tel No:

020 7738 6834**Vauxhall Park Summer Fair****Sunday 26 June from 2–5pm****in Vauxhall Park** (next to the Vauxhall transport interchange).

The Friends of Vauxhall Park, supported by Winkworth Kennington, are putting on a Summer Fair full of delights. Donkey rides, or if you fancy something more challenging, a rodeo bull, electric go karts, a 'super' slide, music, hot food, ice creams, craft stalls, children's games, Punch and Judy, a Magic Show, Vauxhall Lavender, a dog show and much more. Please see www.vauxhallpark.org.uk

This month in Ovalhouse

Your local theatre



9 Grams of Moon present

Strawberry Vale

Gin isn't sure she wants to grow up. Game controller in hand and pencil in the other, she decides to escape to Strawberry Vale, an interactive world of projected digital magic, hand-drawn animation and original music.

Tickets £5 in advance,**£8 on the door. Ages 12+.****Thu 30 Jun – Sat 2 Jul, 7.45pm****Book online ovalhouse.com****or call Box Office 020 7582 7680**

Ovalhouse, 52-54 Kennington Oval, London SE11 5SW

**Keep Active Keep Well**

Are you over 60? Please join us!

Exercise and singing run by professional trainers. Social Club enjoy tea, cake and bingo. Mini-bus pick up available in Stockwell area for Social Club.

First Session Free**Tuesdays Exercise 10.30–11.30am £3**

Thursdays Singing with The Twilights 10.00–12.00 £3.50 and Social Club 1.30–3.30pm £1.50

St Johns CDP 386 Clapham Road SW9 9AR 020 7819 9498

www.stjohnscdp.co.uk



Pay-What-You-Can Screening

Film and Q&A with Director Louise Osmond – Sun 5 Jun 2.30pm NFT3

To celebrate the release of *Versus: The Life and Films of Ken Loach*, on Sunday 5 June cinema-goers are invited to **pay-what-you-can** for the matinee screening on this date. Audiences coming to see the film at BFI Southbank, as well as at 42 other cinemas nationwide, are invited to pay-what-you-can at a collection box by the box office on the day of the screening. Tickets will be available on a first-come-first-served basis, maximum two tickets per person. This initiative is supported by Dogwoof with the backing of the BFI Distribution Fund.



Film Quiz

Answer our question and win a double ticket for any film at BFI Southbank*



Question

How many Oscars has Steven Spielberg won for Best picture?

Know the answer? Send us an email lambethtalk@lambeth.gov.uk with the word Spielberg as a subject line. First 5 emails we receive will win a double invitation. Valid for any film at BFI *excluding special events and subject to availability. Note: the prize is for BFI Southbank not IMAX. www.bfi.org.uk/southbank South Block, Belvedere Rd, London SE1 8XT Phone: 020 7928 3232



What's up ducks?

The weather looks perfect for a cruise and the Duck tours are now offering a discount to all Lambeth children and responsible adults that want to accompany them on board.

15% off all tickets (except family) maximum of 6 tickets per booking.

The code is Lambeth15 – enter it in the promo box online.

This is valid until 31/12/2016

T: 020 7928 3132 Website:

www.londonducktours.co.uk

Let's dance

Flow Dance academy is welcoming you to join a variety of dance classes in different styles and levels for all age groups (including KIDS) from contemporary to Ballroom & Latin, Ballet & Jazz, Hip-Hop, Bely Dancing & much more.

The studio offers **20% discount** to all Lambeth residents. For schedule and prices check: www.flowdance-london.co.uk

Studio charges the entrance fee and class fee is paid directly to the teacher (20% discount applies for both fees). Payments are cash only at the moment.

T: 0207 164 6827 Email:

info@flowdance-london.co.uk

London Oval, Kennington Business

Park Canterbury Court Unit 3, Ground Floor Below Reception, SW9 6DE

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College Open Event and Big Apprenticeship Day

Come along

Saturday 25th June






10.00am - 2.00pm - Clapham Centre

- Join us for a learner led skills showcase including live demonstrations and hands-on activities
- Meet the teachers, explore our facilities and apply for courses starting in September 2016
- Find out more about the Advanced Learner Loan for level 3 courses and above (available for people aged 19+)
- Receive careers, education, information, advice and guidance
- Visit the Apprenticeship Recruitment Event with Employers and Live Vacancies
- Attend the Lambeth Lambeth Apprentice Ambassadors Conference and Parent Briefing from 10.00am – 11.00am



Directions



-  **Clapham Centre**
45 Clapham Common South Side, London SW4 9BL
-  Bus: 35, 37, 88, 137, 155, 255, 345, 355, 417.
-  Overground: Clapham High Street
-  Underground: Clapham Common (Northern Line)
-  Cycle Highway: CS7

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