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Summer 2018

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welcome...

June is a wonderful month, as we approach the longest day of the year and look forward to a summer of fun in our parks and neighbourhoods. But for Southwark it will forever be tinged with the sadness we all felt at the loss of life and terrible harm caused to residents and visitors on June 3rd 2017. This edition of Southwark Life shares images and quotes from a moving day of commemorations in Southwark which both demonstrated the enduring impact that is still felt by so many people, and the immense strength that has been found in the local community and in new friendships and connections born that night.

Southwark's strength comes from its close-knit and diverse communities, who come together over the summer months to enjoy the good weather and huge array of wonderful events and festivals held across the borough. Whether it's Sinatra and Abba tribute acts at the Bermondsey Carnival, or water play in one of our top quality playgrounds, there is plenty going on to keep us all active and busy.

And it's easy to forget that just over a month ago, Southwark residents went to the polls and voted in a new set of councillors for the next four years. You can read all about the people you have chosen to represent you and fight your corner in our centre spread. I am extremely proud to have been chosen again to lead Southwark Council and I am really excited about working with and for you, our residents, to deliver a fairer future for all.

Have a lovely summer.

Handwritten signature of Peter John

Peter John Leader of Southwark Council



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Need to know...

Find out how to get involved in your local community, get help from Southwark Council and see a piece of Southwark history as we take a look at what's happening in the borough.

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Council's repairs service

From 1 October, the council's repairs service for tenants will be brought completely in-house following the end of its contract with Mears in the south of the borough. Over the years there have been challenges with the service offered by contractors, and despite huge progress in response times and resident satisfaction, the council knows there is still more we can do to improve our repairs service for our tenants. We cannot promise improvements overnight, and as with any change we expect that in the first few months we may have a few teething problems. We would ask for your patience and understanding while we use those early weeks to iron out any challenges related to such a complex shift of people and systems. Ultimately our ambition for the new service is for Southwark to have the best repairs service in the country, quick to respond and to fix problems to a high standard. We look forward to working with local people as we develop our plans.



Updated adult social care webpages

Our new adult social care pages contain information, advice and support to help you maintain your own or a loved one's health and wellbeing and have a good quality of life, especially if you are affected by ill health. You can also use them to find organisations that provide information and support to help maintain your health and wellbeing, and information about how our adult social care services might be able to help you or someone you know, how we make our decisions, and what you are entitled to under the law. Access it here: southwark.gov.uk/social-care-and-support/adult-social-care



Do you want to make a difference to your community?

Southwark Council nominates trustees to a number of local charities that administer funds for schemes such as the maintenance of almshouses, monthly payments of pensions, and holidays for older residents. If you're interested in becoming a charity trustee and making a real difference to your community, we'd love to hear from you. For more information, visit southwark.gov.uk/engagement-and-consultations/have-your-say/become-a-charity-trustee or contact Everton Roberts on **020 7525 7221** or everton.roberts@southwark.gov.uk

Museum of London displays Southwark's Roman Sarcophagus

The Museum of London's **Roman Dead** exhibition has opened with the Harper Road sarcophagus as its centrepiece. Polished up and centre stage, it now contrasts vividly with what it looked like when it was luckily discovered on a building site. To recap, the sarcophagus was found on a construction site after Southwark's planning team insisted on an archaeological dig before developers began constructing a block of flats. Weighing two and half tonnes and 1,600 years old, it's a very rare find – one of only three stone sarcophagi discovered in their place of burial in London in recent years. See it now at the Museum of London.



Help support creativity in Camberwell and Peckham

From armchair knitters to professional graphic designers, metalworkers to art club members – if you're creative, we want to hear from you. Southwark has been awarded £50,000 by the Greater London Authority to develop our bid for a Creative Enterprise Zone and help safeguard cultural and creative hubs within the capital. It's an exciting opportunity to let local creativity flourish, and we'd love to know what you, the creative people of Southwark, want to see. For example, we're looking to turn the old school building on Wilson Road, which local boy Sir Michael Caine once attended, into a creative and cultural centre for a five-year period. Read more about our plans and let us know what you'd like to see at southwark.gov.uk/CEZ



Simon Leary who runs Peckham Pictures; a framing company based in Peckham

Don't miss the London Bridge Open Kitchen

The fifth annual London Bridge Open Kitchen takes place on 29 and 30 June by the front of the stunning new London Bridge station on Tooley Street. Organised by Team London Bridge, this free and immensely foody event feature all sorts of local chefs, restaurants and street food brands, and brings together all kinds of international dishes. The event kicks off on Friday 29 June at midday and runs till 8pm, and Saturday's more family-focussed event, featuring the 'Vegetable Nannies', will run from midday until 6pm. Additionally, Putting Down Roots (a St Mungo's gardening project) will be participating in the festival, showcasing how they train people who are or have experienced homelessness to maintain local green spaces to gain experience, confidence and qualifications. Entry is free and each drink or dish will cost from £5. There will be live music throughout, cooking demos, interactive workshops, and more.





Council brings together schools to combat air pollution

The Cleaner Air for Southwark's Schools network met for the second time on Tuesday 5 June in Parliament, hosted by local MP Helen Hayes. Eleven local schools discussed measures they have implemented to improve air quality around their schools, and Cllr Richard Livingstone, Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport Management and Air Quality, spoke about the council's work to combat air pollution.

Queen's Birthday Honour for Gallywall Primary School manager



Janie Ewing, an office manager who has worked for nearly 20 years in local Bermondsey primary schools, has been awarded a British Empire Medal in the Queen's Birthday Honour List 2018. Janie has been a driving force in ensuring Galleywall Primary School is a success and always goes over and above to ensure the school is the best it can possibly be. Janie said: "I like to think this award is in honour of just what great local schools like Galleywall can achieve and the happiness they bring to children."

Lives Remembered

Southwark lost two popular political figures in May this year. Here we remember their contribution to our borough and beyond.

Baroness Tessa Jowell

Baroness Tessa Jowell sadly passed away on 12 May. She was one of the most successful and well-loved politicians of all time who had an immense impact on politics, and people in Southwark.



She was the Member of Parliament for Dulwich from 1992 to 1997 and for Dulwich and West Norwood from 1997 to 2015. She held a number of major government ministerial positions, including in the Cabinet as Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, a post she held from 2001 to 2007. She made it her life's work to defend the right to equal pay for women, to support parents in creating the Sure Start programme and, as she approached death herself, she campaigned for better cancer treatment on the NHS. Her biggest legacy, the 2012 Olympic Games, will go down in history as one of the greatest and most uplifting events of modern times, permanently ensuring that equal excitement was drummed up for the Paralympics and that The Games focused on everyone's ability. In January 2018, Baroness Jowell received a standing ovation in the House of Lords for a speech. She said: "In the end, what gives a life meaning is not only how it is lived, but how it draws to a close. I hope that this debate will give hope to other cancer patients, like me, so that we can live well together with cancer, not just dying of it. All of us, for longer."



Former Cllr Toby Eckersley

Toby Eckersley, former Southwark councillor and executive member recently passed away, age 76. Toby was a kind and charming man who served his local constituents with commitment and drive. In his three decades as a local councillor, Toby served the council in various roles including Executive Member for Finance, and Chair of the Audit and Governance Committee, and even after standing down as a councillor in 2014 he continued to get involved in local politics and support local people. He will be sadly missed by all whose lives he touched.

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STRONG AND UNITED IN THE FACE OF EVIL

On Sunday 3rd June, Southwark remembered all those who were lost and harmed in the horrific attacks on London Bridge and Borough one year ago.



The families of those who lost their lives, and those who were injured, joined the Prime Minister, Home Secretary, Mayor of London, Duke and Duchess of Gloucester, Leader of the Opposition and Shadow Home Secretary, and a range of other dignitaries to mark the anniversary.

At 3pm a Service of Commemoration was held at Southwark Cathedral where the Dean and Bishop of

Southwark led a moving service for bereaved families and victims, members of the local community, the emergency services, and all those who supported the emergency response and recovery during and following the attacks. The ceremony included the lighting of candles by family members for each of those who died and one for all who were harmed, and the planting of an olive tree in the Cathedral grounds. The 'Tree of Healing' was planted using compost made from flowers

left on London Bridge after the attack and will be a permanent memorial to all those affected.

Local residents including ward councillor Adele Morris spoke movingly about their experiences on that fateful night, and the resilience and warmth of the local community in the following days and months.

Preparing to lay their flowers, left to right, Met Police Commissioner Cressida Dick, Mayor of London Sadiq Khan, Prime Minister Theresa May and Home Secretary Sajid Javid.



“There is no poetry in what happened; no justice; no consolation. It was a brutal crime in which precious lives were lost”

Cllr Adele Morris, from the Service of Commemoration



“Let us give thanks for the recovery and healing that we have received in minds and bodies; for the building of relationships and communities; and for the strengthening of friendship and support.”

The Very Reverend Andrew Nunn, Dean of Southwark, from the Service of Commemoration

Southwark will never forget those who were killed on June 3rd 2017

Christine Archibald
Sebastien Belanger
Kirsty Boden
James McMullan

Ignacio Echeverria Miralles De Imperial
Alexandre Pigeard
Xavier Thomas
Sara Zelenak



After the service the congregation proceeded from the Cathedral to the Southwark Needle, the monument at the corner of London Bridge and Duke Street Hill, to join the public where the Leader of the Council, Cllr Peter John, led a national minute's silence. Speaking ahead of the silence Cllr Peter John said the attack marked "one of the darkest days in our borough's history. Time can help us all to heal, but so can the strength and friendship we find in our community at times of adversity. Today as a borough, a city, a nation, we come together as one community to remember the damage done and demonstrate that we are strong and united in the face of evil."

Following the silence, Southwark Council Chief Executive Eleanor Kelly read the names of those who lost their lives before all present were welcomed to lay flowers in memory of those who died and were injured.



Coping with the anniversary of the London terrorist incidents

It has been a year since the attacks, but for many of us, the memories of those events have not lost their impact. There is a range of support on offer to anyone who is struggling at this difficult time. For more information visit victimsofterrorism.campaign.gov.uk

WILD Southwark

Why not go exploring this summer?

Green spaces for you and our wildlife

It may be a surprise to find out that our inner city borough is home to more than 130 parks and open spaces and five local nature reserves, 64 Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation and more than 57,000 trees.

In 2016 we undertook a huge ecological survey of the whole borough, the first in 20 years. One hundred and eighteen sites were inspected to establish a new baseline for wildlife in Southwark. The report resulted in 17 new Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation being identified.

We also found that several species and habitats had increased in Southwark, including bats, stag beetles and hedgehogs.

Best spots for hunting bugs and grubs with the kids

We would advise a trip to Stave Hill Ecology Park, Burgess Park or Peckham Rye Park as they all have thriving populations of swimming, skating, flying and earth dwelling creepy crawlies.

Coming soon...new tool for wildlife-spotting in Southwark

Watch out for a new tool on our website that you will be able to use to help track the surprising abundance of wildlife that can be found here in Southwark. It will invite you to log the species you've spotted, the number of that species you've seen and where and when you saw them; then you'll be able to enter any other information and attach a picture. Our in-house ecology officer will be entering a few wildlife hotspots to inspire you and get the ball rolling.

Any information you enter will be shared with the London Biological Records Centre and made available on our interactive map. Why not pop to a local park or visit one of our woodland areas, ponds or nature reserves and see what you can spot?



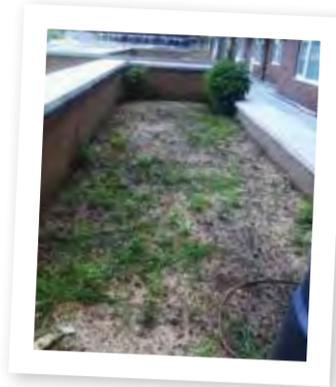
Please don't feed ducks bread. Feeding ducks is a childhood pleasure many of us want to relive with our families, but we now know that bread makes ducks ill, it lacks the nutrients they need and rotting bread pollutes their water. It also kills the fish they eat, gives them diseases and makes their water smelly, encouraging rats. If you want to feed ducks, some of their favourite healthy meals include: birdseed, cooked rice, oats, chopped lettuce and peas – you can even grab a handful from the freezer.



RE-THINKING waste in your green space

Do you have an idea about how to improve your local environment and reduce plastic waste? You could receive up to £2,000 to make it a reality.

Plastic. It's been in the news a lot recently – in our oceans, littering our local parks, everywhere. Although many forms of plastic are valuable if reused and recycled properly, it's clear that we could do without a lot of the single-use items like plastic straws and carrier bags that we've all come to depend on. It's time for a fundamental re-think on how we use plastic and what we do to dispose of it.



Over the last eight years Southwark Council's waste collections partner Veolia have provided more than £30,000 in funding for local projects that make a difference to their local environment and improve recycling. This year, they have doubled the maximum pledge available to £2,000 for entrants who are focusing on plastic waste as part of their project. This could be an idea for how to:

- Reduce the use of single-use plastic such as carrier bags and plastic straws in your local community
- Encourage the reuse of plastic before it is eventually recycled
- Encourage the correct recycling of plastic in public spaces such as your local park

You know best what makes your community tick and how to change attitudes for the better. So if you've got an idea for a project visit



www.veolia.co.uk/london/recyclingfund to find out more about how to apply.

Rachel Butler, Communications, Education and Outreach Manager at Veolia in Southwark said: "To make a real difference we need to work with communities, not just for them. Through our fund we aim to find residents in Southwark who are passionate about protecting resources and their local environment, and empower them to realise their ideas. Since 2011 we've seen 47 amazing projects come to life through our donations of cash, volunteers, equipment and materials. With the increased pledge of £2,000 for projects that focus on plastic waste we hope to encourage communities to re-think how they are using and recycling this valuable material."

"To make a real difference we need to work with communities, not just for them"

One such project that received support in 2017 was run by the Marden Square Sheltered Housing TRA, otherwise known as the 'Marden Codgers'. The 'Codgers' launched a transformation project to develop their community space for over 180 households to enjoy. The recycling of resources was very important to the group, with reclaimed metal and concrete from a nearby construction site used to create planters and hanging baskets.

A year later, the communal green space goes from strength to strength – a beautiful array of fresh flowers and plants continues to bring the residents of Marden Square Sheltered Housing unit a lovely view and space to relax in.



You can RECYCLE all of these ITEMS from around your HOME

good to know from your **BATHROOM**

Top tip:

- Put a **bag** or a **bin** in your bathroom just for recycling

good to know from your **BEDROOM**

Top tip:

- Remember to recycle your **toiletries**

good to know from your **KITCHEN**

Top tip:

- Squash cans and plastic bottles to save space in your recycling

good to know from your **LOUNGE**

If you are unsure about any items or want to check a collection day visit: www.southwark.gov.uk/recycle



Southwark decides

On Thursday 3 May people across the borough decided who would represent them on Southwark Council for the next four years. The councillors that you elected are now starting work in the council and in the communities across our borough, but who are they and what do they do?

Representing you

One of the main requirements to stand for election to be a councillor is that you live or work in Southwark. This means that the people standing for election have a shared interest in Southwark and making it a better place to live. Candidates come from all walks of life – often they are members of a political party, but also people stand with no party affiliation. Those who get elected take on an important role representing their community and being part of the local decision making process.

Being a councillor is hard work and for most councillors this is not their main job, they have to balance lots of competing demands on their time. Every day, councillors will balance the needs of their local area, residents and community groups as well as the demands of council business.

A councillor's main role is to represent their ward and the people who live there. Councillors are there to advocate for local residents and be a bridge between the council and the community. You can see who your local councillor is on the next page and how to get in touch with them.

Leading the community

As well as representing a local area, councillors have an important community leadership role. They will work with local communities and organisations to improve Southwark and help shape the future for our borough. They will often bring different groups together and try to resolve issues where there are disagreements. Community Councils are one way that the council brings councillors and the community together to talk about issues that affect an area and to agree local priorities like supporting local projects or organisations. Find out more about Community Councils at www.southwark.gov.uk/engagement-and-consultations/community-councils

Making decisions

For the council to run, we need clear policies and direction. Councillors take on different roles in the council to do this. All 63 councillors meet six times a year at Council Assembly which agrees things like the council's budget and major policy strategies. They also elect a Leader.

The Leader is elected for four years to work with the Cabinet to make decisions and set the direction for the council. Together they decide what the council is going to do and how it is going to do it. Other councillors scrutinise this work and hold them to account to make sure that they are doing this well. Other councillors also sit on committees to make decisions around issues like planning and licensing.

Southwark is split into 23 wards each with either two or three councillors depending on the size. In Southwark we have 63 councillors, each representing somewhere in the region of 4,000 to 5,000 residents.

Councillors by ward

Introducing your councillors following the May 2018 local elections



Labour	49 cllrs (+1)
Liberal Democrats	11 cllrs (-2)
Conservative	0 cllrs (-2)

*At the time of going to press, there are three seats undecided – see note on London Bridge and West Bermondsey

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London Bridge & West Bermondsey

London Bridge and West Bermondsey Voters in London Bridge and West Bermondsey ward had to wait a little longer to cast their vote as their election was delayed until 14 June. One of the ward's candidates, former Conservative councillor Toby Eckersley, sadly died just before the election and so the vote was rearranged for a later date.

At the time of going to print, we do not know the outcome of the election, but the three new councillors will join those elected on 3 May to serve Southwark for the next four years. Details of these councillors are available on our website at: www.southwark.gov.uk/council-and-democracy

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Being active is child's play

As the summer approaches, it has never been easier or more enjoyable to stay active and healthy in Southwark's parks and playgrounds.

With over 130 parks and open spaces across Southwark, there is no shortage of great open spaces and play areas to take advantage of this summer. Ranging from swings and playgrounds to outdoor gyms and picnic areas, there is truly something for everyone.

Greener than ever before, Southwark's parks and open spaces are constantly evolving throughout the borough. Since 2014 we have invested £16.5million into improving and enhancing our parks and open spaces to make sure all our residents can get the most out of them and create a healthy environment for people to live healthy, happy lives.

The work includes a number of new children's playgrounds that are being completed in time for the summer.



Mint Street's new playground



Southwark Park's new play area

Southwark Park recently finished work on its new playground, which includes new, challenging play equipment for a range of age groups, as well as upgrades to existing equipment, expanded water play, and improved toddler equipment.

Peckham Rye Park will have a newly refurbished playground ready by July. The new area will be significantly larger and have several play facilities that cater to children of all ages. One of these new, exciting features is water play, where children can play with water, create splash pools or simply watch it drain away – perfect for those warm summer days.

Mint Street will be home to two new playgrounds. The adventure playground will open soon and have new climbing structures,

swings and slides, which allow children to play adventurously while under the supervision of play workers. There will also be a new public playground (pictured) which features trampolines, swings and a fireman's pole. Finally, Leyton Square will have its new playground up and running by the end of July, where there will be upgraded play areas for both toddlers and older children, improved multi-use games area, and table tennis.

These are some of the latest high quality playgrounds that are being installed, with the aim of having children's playgrounds in every local area throughout the borough. Most parks also offer a range of facilities for adults visiting the park, such as outdoor gyms and skateparks – making them perfect destinations for family and friends.



Burgess Park

Worried about bad weather?

There are many options available when it is raining outside. Many leisure centres offer soft play options, crèche and other services.

- **Dulwich** offers crèche and has parent and baby yoga, which run on Mondays at 10.15am and Saturdays at 9.15am.
- **Peckham** has soft play available every day between 9am to 6pm for all 2-8 year olds. Soft play parties are held on the weekends. Crèche is available Monday through Friday from 9am to 1pm.
- **Castle Leisure Centre, Camberwell Leisure Centre, Seven Islands Leisure Centre, Peckham Pulse Leisure Centre, and Dulwich Leisure centre** all run junior swimming lessons and swimming crash courses between 4pm and 6pm on weekdays and on Saturday mornings. Children's lessons are for 3-16 year olds, and there are parent with child lessons available for children aged 5 months to 3 years.



*Peckham Rye Playground

*An example of how the new Peckham Rye playground will look

Health benefits of parks

Spending time in parks is not just fun, but it can be really good for your mental and physical health.

Dr Paul Plant, London Deputy Director for Health Improvement at Public Health England, particularly emphasises the range of benefits that come with spending time outdoors. He said: "Parks and open spaces can have an enormously positive impact on health. Children's activity levels are strongly influenced by their environment, so having recreation areas within easy walking distance from home is an important factor in getting kids exercising."

Where to start

Although the parks can be accessed throughout the year, summer is a great time to get familiar with our parks. To help make a positive start, Southwark Life has compiled a list of some of our parks and where you can find them. Visit our website at www.southwark.gov.uk/parks-and-open-spaces/parks to see a full list of our parks and find out more about each one.

Research has found that areas with more accessible green space are associated with better mental and physical health. It can improve one's general mood, reduce stress, lower blood pressure, fight depression and help maintain a healthy weight.

Dr Paul emphasises that especially kids and teenagers who may be online or using social media for much of their leisure time, stand to benefit from spending time outside with friends in the real world. It can improve mental health and increase happiness, as well as encourage imagination and creativity. Children can socialise with other children, move around and explore.

Dr Paul's top 4 tips for children and families to stay healthy and active this summer

1. **10 minutes walking.** Try to get at least 10 minutes of brisk walking or other exercise every day, and encourage your children to spend at least an hour a day being active.
2. **Make the most of the longer days and better weather.** You could go for a walk or bike ride after dinner, play football with the kids on Saturday, or simply take them to a local playground. With around 35,000 acres of public gardens, greens, parks and woodlands in London, there are plenty of spaces to take advantage of!
3. **Summer activities and clubs for children.** There are many locally run summer activities and clubs available to children, which are often free and can be a great way for children to make friends and explore new outdoor activities.
4. **Have fun.** Getting outside and active is something the whole family can enjoy, so think about things you can do locally that you and the kids will have a great time doing.

Particularly in urban environments it is important to keep active. With increasingly sedentary lifestyles, children today only spend half as much time outside as their parents did, and childhood obesity is growing. While reasons for obesity are complex, Dr Paul stresses, we know that providing access to safe, walkable outside spaces is one of the best ways to reverse these worrying trends.

Public Health England recommends that children get at least 60 minutes of physical activity a day, which does not have to be intense exercise. However, even 10 minutes of brisk walking can have health benefits.



Southwark Park



Dulwich Park



Southwark Park

Here are just a few examples of our parks

Burgess Park, Albany Road, SE5 – Burgess Park is one of the largest parks in South London. In 2012 Burgess Park re-opened after an £8m transformation, and attractions include a recently refurbished café, children's play areas, a water play feature, football pitches, outdoor gyms, tennis courts and a national standard BMX track. A great park that is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week!

Dulwich Park, College Road, London SE21 – world class sculpture, exciting facilities and perfect picnic spots. Refurbished in 2006, the Green Flag awards winning park offers a large children's playground, a boating lake, an excellent café, an outdoor gym and a popular cycle hire outlet. It opens at 7.30am and closes at 9.30pm during the summer.

Russia Docks Wood, Salter Road, London SE16 – Originally used for importing timber from Norway, Russia and Sweden, Russia Dock was transformed in 1980 into a native grass area for recreational activities. It has a dog walking area, games area, and a picnic area. Throughout the summer, the park will open at 7.30am and close around 9pm.

Geraldine Mary Harmsworth Park, Kennington Road, London SE1 – Geraldine Mary Harmsworth Park opened in 1934 and surrounds the Imperial War Museum on the site of the former Bedlam Hospital. The gates open daily at 7.30am and closing times vary throughout the year. It has a play area, picnic area, art sculptures, a number of gardens plus a sports centre featuring tennis courts and football pitches.

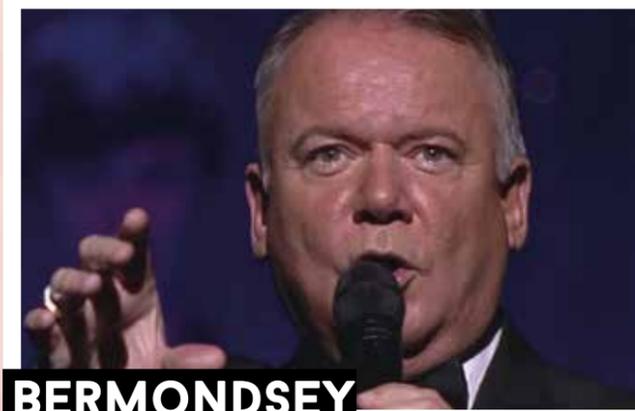
Camberwell Green, Camberwell Green, London SE5 7AF – Camberwell Green is an oasis of calm in the middle of busy Camberwell, with a strong community feel. Recently refurbished, the park has a fantastic new play area. The park hosts regular events like the annual Camberwell Fair, which will be held on 1 September this year, and will include an animated history tour.



Dulwich Park

SOUTHWARK PRESENTS

EVENTS calendar Summer 2018



BERMONDSEY CARNIVAL

SUNDAY 30 JUNE
12NOON TO 8PM

Southwark Park Bandstand
(off Jamaica Road), SE16
www.southwark.gov.uk/bermondseycarnival
Free

Grab your picnic basket, dig out the sun lotion (hopefully) and prepare to swing and boogie the night away as the annual Bermondsey Carnival returns with another great line up of music and activities.

This year the Carnival's headliners will be Salute to Sinatra, a tribute to Ole Blue Eyes himself featuring all of his classic songs crooned by singer Louis Hoover. He'll be joined by an Abba Girls Tribute with all the Swedish band's hits, plus Tiny Tina, Kindred Soul and a host of other performers including Southwark's own Kinetica Bloco. Families can also enjoy a create and play area, dance workshops, food and drink stalls and of course have a rummage for a bargain in the Rumble in the Jumble. For more details or to see the full line up of performers visit the website.



BERMONDSEY STREET FESTIVAL

SATURDAY 15 SEPTEMBER

11AM TO 6PM

(ENTERTAINMENT UNTIL 7PM)

Bermondsey Street, SE1
www.bermondseystreetfestival.org.uk
free

The Bermondsey Street Festival will be back this September to celebrate the diversity of the street and surrounding area.

The Festival started 12 years ago when a dog collar shop and a couple of restaurants got together in Tanner Street Park for a dog show and maypole dancing with a band playing music from the back of a truck. Today the Bermondsey Street Festival, which is still completely organised and run by volunteers, captures the spirit of a traditional village fete, stretching all the way down the street and in the two local parks. Last year alone the event attracted around 12,000 visitors drawn by the stalls showcasing the best food and drink from the area and the stage where home grown South London talent will be providing entertainment.



ROTHERHITHE FESTIVAL

SATURDAY 14 JULY
11.30AM TO 8PM

King George's Fields, Rotherhithe.
Main entrance at Moodkee Street, SE16
www.rotherhithefestival.co.uk
Free

The Rotherhithe Festival is a community festival aimed at bringing the community together.

The free family event includes live music on stage, rides for the children and information stalls on local activities and events. The Mayor of Southwark's Common Good Trust will also be raising money for this year's charity, The Bermondsey Community Kitchen. In addition, visitors will be able to chat to developers who will be there to give information on local developments in and around the Rotherhithe area.

CAMBERWELL FAIR



SATURDAY 1 SEPTEMBER
12NOON TO 9PM

www.camberwellfair.co.uk
Free

Camberwell Fair is a free entry music festival and market that will take place on Camberwell Green, SE5, on 1 September 2018.

It is a celebration of the diverse people, culture and community of the local area, and will feature top quality music stages, market stalls, food, bars and games, attracting over 3000 people to Camberwell Green on the day of the event. This is the fourth Camberwell Fair in modern times, with previous editions in 2015, 2016 and 2017 welcoming over 10,000 people to the Fair with live sets from Dawn Penn, Dele Sosimi, The Turbans and Nubiyah Twist.

SUMMER FUN IN SOUTHWARK

Peckham Festival

The third annual Peckham Festival will take place this summer to celebrate all that is creative and cultural in the town. The Festival was created to promote artists, makers, creators, and community groups whilst expanding the public's awareness and access to culture in all its forms: from access to workshops, art, music, written and spoken word performance to community groups, health and wellbeing. In 2017 the festival attracted well over 15,000 people to 183 events across 65 venues; involving 38 restaurants or bars, 9 galleries, 171 individual artists, 12 creative businesses across 12 artist studio complexes, and showcased 17 local musical acts and 15 non-profit community groups – all ably assisted by 68 volunteers made up of local members of the community.

Friday 14 September to Sunday 16 September
Times and venues vary, see programme for more details
www.peckhamfestival.org/2018-festival



Jerwood Solo Presentation

New works by Rob Crosse, Susie Green and Georgia Horgan presented as three solo presentations at Jerwood Space. Diverse in content and materials, the solo presentations span painting, sculpture, installation, film, and photography, expanding upon the artists' existing dialogues to position sex, intimacy and desire in a socio-political context.

Wednesday 20 June to Sunday 26 August, 2018
Monday to Friday 10am to 5pm, Saturday and Sunday 10am to 3pm

Free
Jerwood Space,
171 Union Street, SE1 0LN
www.jerwoodvisualarts.org/exhibitions



Photo: Rob Crosse, Clear as a bell (still), 2016. Commissioned by Kingsgate Projects and supported by the Arts Council England.

Project Space: Holly Graham, Sweet Swollen

Sweet Swollen is a new commission by Holly Graham. Comprising print and audio, these consider historic links between domestic culinary culture and visual culture within Europe.

Runs to Saturday 25 August, 2018
Monday to Friday 10am to 5pm, Saturday 10am to 2pm

Free
Jerwood Space,
171 Union Street, London, SE1 0LN
www.jerwoodvisualarts.org/events

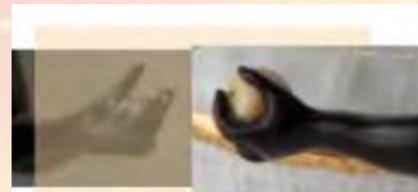


Photo: Holly Graham, Sweet Swollen (research image), 2018. Image courtesy the artist.

Shakespeare's Telling Tales

Celebrate the joy of storytelling at Shakespeare's Globe! Our lively family festival hosts a range of exciting events including An Elephant in the Garden, an enchanting performance of Simon Reade's new adaptation of Michael Morpurgo's best-selling novel, and family storytelling sessions performing some of Shakespeare's best-loved plays.

Events taking place across the weekend Friday 27 to Sunday 29 July
Various times, check website for details

Tickets to be booked for each event, prices starting at £7. Discounts available for booking multiple events (check website for full details)

www.shakespearesglobe.com/whats-on



Photo: Cesare De Giglio

Luiz Zerbini: Intuitive Ratio

Brazilian artist Luiz Zerbini is known for his vivid landscapes, cityscapes and abstract paintings. At the South London Gallery, Zerbini presents a series of large-scale paintings referencing modernist architecture, the natural environment and the city of Rio de Janeiro, where he lives and works.

Runs to Sunday 19 August 2018
Tuesday to Sunday, 11am to 6pm. Open until 9pm on Wednesdays and the last Friday of the month.

Free
South London Gallery
www.southlondongallery.org/exhibitions/luiz-zerbini



Photo: Jaime Acioli

The House Fairy

Theatre Peckham is proud to present their summer blockbuster, The House Fairy: a much-loved tale of mischievous fairies who leave the bottom of the garden to take up residence in the nooks and crannies of a family home. A musical for children aged 3 - 9 years and their families.

Tuesday 10 to Sunday 22 July
Various times, see list below

Adults £10, child £8 (gala all tickets £12 including drink) Discounts for school groups

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www.theatrepeckham.co.uk/home/current-shows

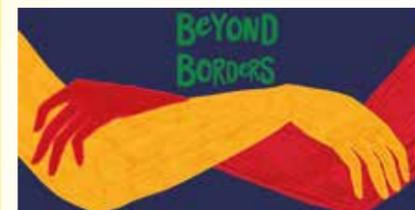


Beyond Borders Festival

Theatre Deli is hosting a festival of work to celebrate the contribution, ingenuity and resilience of refugees in line with Refugee Week's 20th Anniversary. Events will include workshops, performances, panel discussions and exhibitions at The Old Library. The celebrations culminate in a closing party and night of music in partnership with Southwark Refugee Response.

Saturday 16 to Saturday 23 June
Various times

Donation
Theatre Deli, The Old Library, 39 Wells Way SE5 0PX
www.theatredeli.co.uk/Blogs/beyond-borders



Flea at The Great Get Together BOST

Flea Flat Iron Square will be trading down Union Street and in Flat Iron Square as part of the festivities for the Great Get Together organised by Bankside Open Spaces Trust this year. There will be a great mixture of stalls selling vintage clothes, bric a brac, vinyl, art, jewellery, ceramics, designs from up and coming makers etc

Sunday 24 June 2018
12noon to 9pm

Free
Union Street/Flat Iron
www.fleaflatironsquare.co.uk

Camberwell Open House 2018

Camberwell College of Arts will once again open its doors to local families and the local community for Open House 2018. Visitors are invited to see our graduating students' work in the Summer Shows, explore our new buildings and facilities, and take part in free, fun art and design workshops including The Darkroom Experience, T Shirt Screen-printing and Stop Motion Animation.

Saturday 23 June
11am to 4.30pm (last entry 4pm)

Free
Children under 16 must be accompanied by a responsible adult.
Camberwell College of Arts
www.arts.ac.uk/camberwell

Mint Street Music Festival

This free event combines seriously good live music with a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere in Mint Street Park, a lovely park just three minutes from Borough Tube, off Marshalsea Road. This year the line-up includes Anna McAndrews, House Above the Sun, Iman, Kalima Project, Llega la Miel, Skembe Soup and Tidal Rave, plus choirs and solo musicians. The festival also hosts spectacular dance displays from the internationally acclaimed Los Romberos Latin American dance group, plus Pioneer Dance, Silverfit Bollywood and Zumba with Andee. Children can join in with acts including Boppin' Bunnies and Diddi Dance.

Saturday 14 July
12noon to 7.30pm

Free
Mint Street Park, SE1 0EY
www.bermondseystreetfestival.org.uk
Free

Magic Realism

Encounter the uncanny and mysterious through the art of the Weimar Republic. Tate Modern will explore German art from between the wars in a year-long, free exhibition, drawing upon the rich holdings of The George Economou Collection. This presentation explores the diverse practices of a number of different artists, including Otto Dix, George Grosz, Albert Birkle and Jeanne Mammen. With additional support from the Huo Family Foundation (UK) Limited.

Monday 30 July 2018 to Sunday 14 July 2019

Free
Tate Modern
www.tate.org.uk

The Measuring of the Mayflower

The Mayflower sailed from Rotherhithe in 1620 carrying religious and economic migrants to a 'new world'. The rest, as they say, is history. This interactive event will explore how 133 people, plus provisions and livestock, fitted into the available space. It will also consider more recent migrations and the sailing of this symbolic vessel.

Date: Sunday 23 September 2018
Time: 3pm

Free
Kings Stairs Garden
londonbubble.org.uk/projectpage/charting-the-mayflower



DEMOCRACY THROUGH TIME

People in Southwark have been casting ballots and electing representatives for centuries, but who the voters are, and what they're voting for, has changed.



Catherine Clunn Mayor of Southwark 1963-4

Universal suffrage – where every adult citizen is entitled to vote – is only 90 years old in the UK, since the Representation of the People Act 1918 gave the vote to all men, but only a minority of women. Before that, there were various limitations on voting rights based on property, that were meant to ensure only wealthy people had a direct voice in government.

Local government has changed profoundly as well. Initially local government in Southwark involved ten different parishes with responsibility for maintaining the local church, ensuring streets were clean and safe, and helping the poor. Parish vestries also had limited policing powers and responsibilities – the parishes of Bermondsey and Rotherhithe built watch-houses next to the parish churchyards in the early 19th century, to protect corpses from resurrectionists (professional graverobbers obtaining bodies for anatomy training) from nearby Guy's Hospital.

To fund their work, parishes levied local taxes for poor relief and church upkeep – these are the “rates” you read about in Dickens. These taxes were originally set by the “open vestry”: a meeting of all the parish taxpayers, who elected unpaid parish officials. As London's population grew, open vestries got unwieldy; they were usually replaced by “select vestries”. A select vestry was simply a sub-set of the local taxpayers who ran the vestry. Rather than being democratically elected, the vestry was usually made up of a group of wealthy parishioners, who manoeuvred themselves into a



Mayor Albert, Mrs Gladys and Len Henley Bermondsey 1940-1

self-sustaining clique, hijacking the vestry's duties and funds for their own benefit.

Central government usually responded to the consequential drop in the quality of local services – like streets ankle-deep in ruts and horse dung – by creating an independent ad hoc organisation for a specific purpose. This made London's local government even more fragmented and unwieldy; Stephen Inwood's 1998 book *A History of London* notes that in the 1850s London was administered by more than 10,000 people, in 300 different organisations under 250 locally-applicable Acts of Parliament.

Over the course of the Victorian era, the wheels fell off the ancient system as London's population increased from about 960,000 to about 6.6 million. The systems of local government left over from the Middle Ages or cobbled together to firefight specific problems couldn't take the strain.

The 1834 Poor Law Amendment Act created 13 new Poor Law Unions – two of which covered nine of modern Southwark's 10 parishes – with elected boards of guardians. Although the avowed aim of the New Poor Law was to save money by making conditions so harsh that those who could work would, as women and working-class men contested and won election to the boards of guardians, conditions in London improved.

There was a bigger shake-up in 1855. The open vestry was abolished in favour of a common householder-based suffrage system. The 23 largest parishes (including Bermondsey, Camberwell and Rotherhithe) gained powers and responsibilities for sanitation and public health, while the remaining parishes were grouped into District Boards of Works to carry out the same functions. At the same time, a Metropolitan Board of Works took on responsibility for major public works like sewers, bridges, roads and parks (like Southwark Park, created in 1869).

Corruption and inertia for the Metropolitan Board of Works meant in 1888 it was replaced by the London County Council, which took on its powers in the area that's now Inner London. Over time, the LCC also obtained powers to build housing estates and develop further education, and took responsibility for schools, child care, and (once the Poor Law was abolished in 1929) welfare, overseeing the largest municipal hospital service in the country.

In 1900, the parish vestries and district boards of works were also eliminated, in favour of metropolitan borough councils. Metropolitan boroughs had a mixture of directly elected councillors and indirectly-elected aldermen (who were elected by the councillors for six-year terms). Boroughs had some powers to build



Jessie Burgess Mayor of Camberwell 1945-7

new housing, as Bermondsey did, or could enlist LCC aid to provide housing (as Southwark and Camberwell did). Metropolitan borough mayors like Ada Salter in Bermondsey or Jessie Burgess in Camberwell had real power – which they used to improve the lives of citizens. In Bermondsey, that included creating a borough health service a full decade before the advent of the NHS.

The next big shake-up came in 1965, when the London Government Act 1963 came into force. The LCC was abolished; its replacement, the Greater London Council, gained strategic development powers over all of Greater London, but lost powers relating to health and welfare, education, and the strong planning powers of its predecessor. Various local government units in the counties surrounding the LCC area were merged into the 20 Outer London Boroughs, while the metropolitan boroughs were again consolidated into the 12 Inner London Boroughs.

For our area, this meant that Bermondsey, Camberwell, and Southwark combined to form Southwark; the new borough gained a huge number of functions, including powers over most roads, housing, local planning, health and welfare, social services, the environment, and (since 1990) education.

Get out and explore Summer!

More people are taking up cycling and walking – it can be a fun way to help improve your health and wellbeing.

Small changes you make can have a huge impact, not just increasing your fitness levels, it's also a cheaper way to travel around, and not using the car can improve the quality of the air we breathe.

For some of us it can be difficult to fit activity into our busy lifestyles. Finding small and easy journeys by foot or bike is a great way to increase your activity. By swapping short car journeys with cycling or walking, you can easily build exercise into your day, and feel the benefits.

A good way to start is finding small short journeys that can be built into your daily routine; consider cycling one day a week exploring one of the

many cycle friendly routes, maybe get off a busy bus a stop early, look to make use of one of the hire bikes available, introduce walking meetings, or simply have fun walking the kids to school.

Look for new activities – join a walking group, take the family out to explore one of the many beautiful parks in the borough by bike, or make shopping a more enjoyable experience by strolling to your local shops. Why not make use of apps that help you navigate such as Citymapper or Cyclestreets.

There are so many benefits in terms of fitness, fun and finance. You might even get around faster than other modes of transport and it should certainly be more enjoyable.



"I wanted a dog for years and finally a few weeks ago I got Spike. Walking him is one of the best parts of my day."

Anna



"I'm a bus driver so I spend too much of my life sitting down. I love cycling with my granddaughter on my days off."

Lloyd



"I always get off the bus at least two stops early so I can walk the rest of the way. I think small changes like that can make a big difference. Plus I hate the gym!"

Madonna

"The sun is out so I thought I'd take a bike ride around the park. I thought I could do this, or go to the gym, but this is much more fun."

Noam



"I've lived here all my life. I walk up and down this road all the time, I've got so many friends here it takes an age to get to the shops and back, what with all the stopping and chatting."

Minnie

Get active! A fun exciting active travel game Beat the Street is coming to Southwark from 19 September until 7 November. Touch in on electronic boxes placed around the borough, the boxes will record your mileage and steps taken, and you can compete against other players.

Build your confidence with a free cyclist training session; learn on your own or as part of a group. You can join on-road cycle training, guided rides or request to have a session on the new network of cycle friendly streets across Southwark. The quiet ways offer cycle friendly infrastructure and clearly

signposted routes to help make cycling that bit more convenient.

If you lack experience or want to feel more confident about cycling, our free road cycle training can help you try it out, at a level that feels right for you. If you live, work or study in Southwark, visit southwark.gov.uk/cycleconfidence

If you want to get away from the hustle and bustle and discover quiet routes, or explore guided rides that are supportive, safe and social go to southwark.gov.uk/cycling

**FREE
EVENT!**



BERMONDSEY CARNIVAL

Saturday 30 June 2018, 12pm to 8pm

Southwark Park bandstand (off Jamaica Road) SE16

**Performances by Salute to Sinatra, Abba Girls tribute,
Tiny Tina, Kindred Soul and a host of other great artists
and performers including Kinetica Bloco.**

**Create and Play zone • Plaza Latina • Food and crafts
Dance workshops • Rumble in the Jumble • Reuben Bond's funfair**

For full event line-up and details visit:
southwark.gov.uk/bermondseycarnival

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