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Welcome to Park Life

Donna C. Henry,
Chair,
Clapham Park Project

Hello and welcome to the first issue of Park Life for 2010 in which we bring you all the latest news from Clapham Park. I hope you all enjoyed your New Year and I would like to wish you a successful 2010.

Sue Bowman MBE resigned from the CPP Board in January due to ill health. I would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to Sue on behalf of the Board, staff and the residents who Sue has served for many years. We will greatly miss Sue's contribution to the Board but we look forward to her continued support of CPP.

This is a time of real change for Clapham Park Project as our vision for the future of the organisation begins to take shape.

We are hoping to achieve charitable status very soon and this will better enable us to apply for funding, to continue some of the activities and projects that we currently provide for Clapham Park residents, once our current

funding runs out in March 2011.

Thank you to all residents who have been involved in helping us to decide which activities should be continued. We will be talking a lot more to residents about this over the next six months, so please do make sure you let us know your views by speaking to our Community Development team.

In this edition of Park Life you can read more about the events that have taken place over the last few months and some of the work we have been doing with our community groups, as well as interviews with residents and an update on our existing projects.

We are already thinking about our summer Festival in July and I will be able to give you more details of this event in the next Park Life.

In the meantime enjoy reading this Park Life and if you would like to get involved in any of our projects or events please **contact us on 0800 085 2378.**

Donna C. Henry

Learning through arts and language

The **Inspiring families through arts and language group** goes from strength to strength, and in December they held a Christmas-themed event for the parents and children, organising a lovely party for children where one of the mums dressed up in Santa Claus costume, and shared songs with the group.

People are still welcome to join the group, and lots more is planned for 2010, including puppet shows and other initiatives including increasing the Spanish language library for the whole group. To find out more, look at page 10 of Park Life (Parent and Toddler Group in Spanish) for contact details.

The Winter Celebration

In December, the Community Development and Neighbourhood Management teams and volunteers celebrated community involvement in local networks at the **Winter Celebration** held at Richard Atkins School.

Generation Radio kicked off the evening with hits and requests. Guests included members of the Over 50's Social

Club, volunteers and others involved in CPP's local networks.

Attendees included local councillors Diana Morris, Lib Peck, Michael Hipwell, Leader of the Council Cllr Steve Reed; and the Rt. Hon. Keith Hill MP (pictured below right with CPP Chair Donna C Henry).

CPP board members also attended and CPP Chair Donna

C Henry gave a speech thanking everyone for their commitment and work, remarking on the changes she has seen in the area in her time as a resident, giving special focus to the achievements at Richard Atkins School.

Donna C Henry also thanked everyone for the past year's successes and Cllr Steve Reed also spoke to the collected

group. Cllr Reed said that, in his opinion, the Clapham Park NDC is one of the best regeneration schemes in the country and he thanked everyone involved.

Reggae band **Reminisce** rounded off an evening of celebration with a medley of popular songs, and the night ended with dancing and everyone celebrating another successful year for CPP.

CPP Chief Executive Angus Johnson and CPP Chair Donna C Henry at the Winter Celebration



The Winter Celebration



A letter from Sue Bowman



Sadly, I resigned from the CPP Board in January, so I would like to take this opportunity to thank CPP Board Members both past and present who helped me to be the activist I am today.

In particular Richard Adams who gave encouragement to me in many ways, and thanks for always being such a gentleman. Cllr Diana Morris who explained politics to me when I could not

see the wood for the trees. George Briggs who led me to my spiritual self and showed me gentleness. Paul Wilson who gave me strength with his knowledge. Gordon Wedderburn who listened. Katie Desai who is myself but a younger version, and who believes in our community and wants the best for them. Jackie Meldrum who showed me there is more

than one way to do things. Oliver Higgins who got things done, and taught me many things.

It has been a long and fruitful journey. I hope I have served the people well and I hope some of you will step out and continue to journey.

I sincerely thank the staff past and present who have guided me through this journey that has

shaped me, and in a small way I aim to continue.

May life be good to you, say hello once in awhile.

Sue Bowman MBE

PS. Many thanks to Keith Hill MP, who always championed CPP and gave me friendship in his role as an MP. I have a lot of respect for Keith as an MP and as a caring individual.

Natural History Museum Trip

Clapham Park Project's reputation continues to grow since its partnership work with the South Bank's Some Other Way Forward (SOWF) project. The Community Development team was contacted by The Natural History Museum (NHM), offering families a cultural outing to the Museum.

The NHM provided a specialised visitor programme and information on workshops and activities. CPP took 36 Clapham Park residents to

visit the NHM in October 2009.

Residents filled in a questionnaire, which asked them what skills and activities they would like to do in the future. Their answers will help CPP plan future activity within the community.

The feedback on the day was very positive and Sade Williams (pictured, first right) commented: "I always wanted to bring the kids... I had a wonderful time."



Richard Sobers: man and mentor

How did you first become involved with Clapham Park Project (CPP)?

I've lived in the Clapham Park area all my life, and I'm still a resident now. My mother still lives locally on the Clapham Park Estate. I first got involved with CPP when I was running a football programme in the area and I helped CPP to put together a youth/sports programme to represent football teams locally. For the next four years I did voluntary (unpaid) work for CPP. We made great, rapid progress with local youth passing onto professional football apprenticeships. CPP employed me as a Youth Worker after 4 years volunteering – they realised how indispensable I was!

How did this lead you to where you are?

My work included the Youth Café and the Youth Forum – in the Forum the youth identified what they wanted for the community and then we would go and seek out funding. We gave consistency and built up trust with

the local youth. I've got to give credit to all of the Youth team, as without everyone working together, we wouldn't have achieved so much.

How did you get involved with mentoring?

I was initially interested in mentoring through sport, as I was involved with schools via my work with sports teams, and after doing this for a year, the school approached me to become an 'official' mentor, as they'd seen the impact I was making. The reality is the children trusted me because I am from a similar area and background and understand the struggles they go through.

What's a typical day for you as a mentor?

It's non-stop. I have to be able to react to every situation as it happens, to keep the young people motivated, connecting not just with the youth themselves, but their families and friends. All of this can help ensure that the work we do together is consistent and focussed.

What do you think of mentoring?

It's fulfilling and rewarding – every day when I wake up I want to go in. I'm in a learning experience and so are they. I'm working through development programmes with the young people, and getting them to become what they want to be. I see those youths I first worked with all those years ago, when I was stood in the cold and snow on the side of the football pitches, and they've made and kept the changes in their lives. I'm privileged to have been able to help with that, making the changes in my own life too. Some people I knew from my youth and grew up with in the area are dead now, or in prison – I know now it's never too late to stand on your pride and make that change.

What inspired you to make the changes in your life?

My dad died suddenly in 2003 of cancer. He said, "You're once a man and twice a child" and I saw the truth in that when he became vulnerable in the later stages of his illness; he was a strong and proud

man. Before he died, my dad asked me to look after my mum, and to be the man I could be. My dad gave me that strength and inspiration to be the best that I could be: a proud role model.

Richard dedicates this interview to his parents and family and friends past and present, and all the people who believed in him including Ms Tappa and Ms Williams (SPHS) and Shaun Danquah.

To find out more about becoming a mentor, or if you have someone in mind who might need a mentor, contact Shaun Danquah on 020 8678 5900



Leading the way in arts for all



In November Arts Community Exchange (ACE) held a showcase exhibition of local children's artwork at Glenbrook Primary School.

The artwork on show had been produced throughout the course of ACE's Community Arts Leader Programme (CALP) in 2009. CALP is a flexible 15-week programme designed to provide artists and designers with the skills and experience they require to deliver successful creative projects for children. The course includes intensive training and supported work placements in Lambeth primary schools including Glenbrook. At the end of the programme all the artists were awarded an accredited qualification from the Open College Network, London Region (OCNLR).

During their placements the artists led fun and creative projects which introduced children to a whole range of art forms including

photography, printing, fabric painting, fashion design, animation and sculpture. Year 3 pupils at Glenbrook worked with artists Joanna Clinton and Michelle Shashoua to create fabulous carnival costumes, head-dresses and banners and held a special parade to show off their work (pictured).

ACE would like to thank Clapham Park Project for its support during the development of CALP. In 2009 CALP was funded by the Arts Council England and the City of London Corporation and benefited 15 artists and more than 400 local children.

Find out more at www.artscommunityexchange.org

Image © Michelle Shashoua
Glenbrook students parade their designs



Clapham Park resident and recently retired CPP Vice Chair Sue Bowman MBE is one of the stars of the Clapham Film Unit's recent documentary, 'Brink of Change 2: Unsung Heroes'. The documentary gives a voice to five individuals who have made a significant change to the community of Clapham Park Estate. Sue talks about her struggle to create a better life for the people on the estate: "What I wanted for myself, I wanted for my community. We were a sink estate . . . We won the £56 million."

The documentary was screened at Clapham Picture House on Friday 12th February. **If you would like a copy, please contact claphamfilmunit@live.com**

Christmas and beyond for the Over 50's Social Club



The Over 50's Social Club's Luncheon Club held its Christmas-themed lunch for members on 17th December. A three-course dinner was served by CPP staff and volunteers, and everyone had a great time.

The Community Development team supported the **Over 50's Social Club** to apply for and secure a £10,000 grant from the Bridge House Trust in 2009. The group's regular coffee morning

and luncheon club will now be self-sustainable.

The Coffee Morning and Luncheon Club have now relocated to the Community Resource Centre. The Community Development team still offers continued support to the group and provides assistance when necessary.

To find out more, contact Roz Thompson on: 020 8678 5923.

The Community Pathway Project

The Community Pathway Project has now been established. A partnership for local community organisations, the Community Pathway Project was kick-started with a grant of £500 from the Skills and Knowledge for Learning Development (SKiLD) grants scheme. This provides an opportunity for local community organisations to network share skills and raise funds together.

A total of 14 community

and youth organisations from across the NDC and surrounding areas attended the first meeting.



A total of 11 groups have now signed up to the partnership and they are currently looking at applying for National Lottery grants and Community Builders grants.

To find out more, contact Roz Thompson on 020 8678 5923.

The Community Pathway Project meeting

the clapham park

Festival



The LAST Clapham Park Project (CPP) Festival will take place on 10th July 2010.

This is the final CPP Festival so we want to make it the BEST!

We are looking for:

- Local talent to perform
- Local people who want to run stalls
- Volunteers to help out on the day and learn about event management

Please call Roz Thompson on

020 8678 5923 for more information.



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Locksmith installing security at a resident's home

Free home security upgrades to beat the burglar

Residents in Lambeth can apply for free home security improvements including new window locks, door chains and spy holes as part of the Safe and Secure scheme to tackle burglary.

The work is being funded by the Clapham Park Project, which has been given almost £100,000 by the Home Office to help secure homes across the borough.

Priority will be given to older residents, people on low incomes and those living in burglary hotspots, but anyone can apply to have an assessment of their home security undertaken and improved if appropriate.

Ching Wah Wong, Programme Manager for the Clapham Park Project, said: "We would urge more tenants to take advantage of the funding. Recently a resident was assessed and had her home fitted with a spy hole. Her son has special needs and she says she now feels much safer because she can see who's knocking at her door before opening it. She also had a letter box guard fitted which means she is no longer worried about people trying to put their hands through the letterbox as it only allows letters through."

Another resident, Mrs Niles, who is aged 78, told us about her experience of the Safe and Secure scheme:

"It was brilliant. They were really efficient – came when they said they would and did what they said they would do."

Work will be carried out by Age UK and Timson and anyone who feels their property needs additional security to help reduce the risk of burglary, can apply by calling Clapham Park Project by 26 March 2010 on 0800 085 2378.

For home security tips visit www.metbumblebee.org

Thornton Ward Safer Neighbourhoods Team

Your local area is regularly policed by officers from Thornton ward Safer Neighbourhoods Team (SNT) who are based at Cavendish Road Police Station. The team includes one Police Sergeant, two Police Constables and three Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs).

The team uses a number of policing tactics in your area: foot/cycle patrols in uniform and plain-clothes, patrols of the ward using a marked and unmarked police vehicle and joint patrols with CPP wardens. We work very closely with our partners CPP, Clapham Park Homes (CPH) Lambeth Council and Lambeth Living in order to deal with instances of anti-social behaviour (ASB) and criminal activity.

We hold a number of drop-in surgeries per month and at least two street briefings to engage with the community. Attending these events will give you an opportunity to meet your local officer and raise any concerns you may have about issues affecting your local area.

Full details of these events can be found on our website:

www.met.police.uk/teams/lambeth/thornton

In recent months the team has worked extensively in and around the area of Poynders Parade shops to deal with a rise in anti-social behaviour (ASB). Liaising with CPP, CPH, Lambeth Council and local shopkeepers, the team increased our visibility in the area at times that reports had highlighted the problem as at its worst. PCSO Lucy Feeney was the single point of contact for the area to ensure that all complaints and reports were being dealt with promptly. With the assistance of CPP, a CCTV camera was placed in the locality to monitor and record incidents, which had a dramatic effect on the

number of complaints and activity on the parade. Reports of ASB have ceased in the area and the team have forged strong links with a number of shopkeepers.

The team also worked extensively to deal with a squat in Currie House. In conjunction with CPH the team identified the owner of the flat, alerted them to the fact that the flat was being used as a squat and assisted the owner in gaining an eviction order through the courts. At the same time, the team worked with the RSPCA to deal with a number of complaints of ASB involving dogs owned by the male using the flat as a squat. This culminated in the male being taken to court for animal welfare offences and being banned from keeping animals.

The play area in front of Crossman House has proved to be one of the biggest successes for Thornton SNT in recent times. The play area was not in a usable state with broken fencing and smashed glass on the ground, which meant that the youth of the estate had to play in the car park and communal areas, putting cars and windows at risk in the locality. Residents complained to CPH, CPP wardens and Thornton SNT about the problem. The team were assisted by CPP wardens who regularly patrolled the area, feeding information back to the team. CPH rejuvenated the play area making it usable once again, and drawing the youth away from the communal areas. This resulted in no further reports of ASB and again, strong links have been forged with residents.



If you would like further information on crime prevention, contact the **Thornton Safer Neighbourhood Team** on **020 8721 2622** or email thornton.snt@met.police.uk and they will make an appointment for a member of the team to visit.

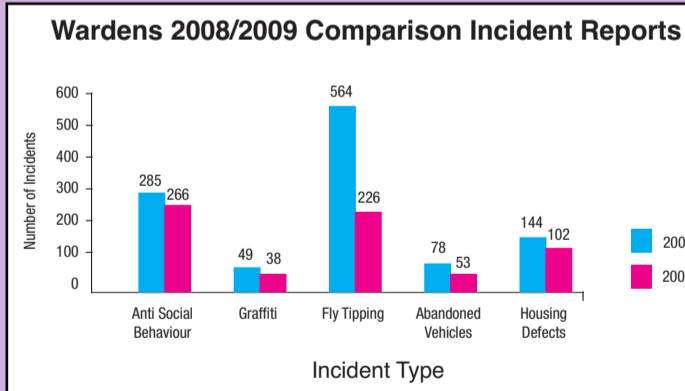
Clapham Park Neighbourhood Wardens: Your eyes and ears

The Wardens Incident Chart (pictured) reflects the total number of the most common incident types reported on by the Wardens throughout 2008-2009.

The number of anti-social behaviour (ASB) reports that the Wardens recorded in 2009 have decreased by 19, in comparison with the figures from 2008. The Wardens have been working in collaboration with local residents, police teams and Clapham Park Homes in an effort to resolve both low level and more serious ASB issues. This has involved targeting problem areas with joint patrols and engaging with the local youth teams.

Over the same period, there were 11 less graffiti reports. The Wardens have been keeping a close eye on graffiti 'hot spot' areas to deter tagging and have tried to ensure that problem areas are cleaned as fast as possible to prevent additional graffiti tags.

The Wardens have been working hard to raise awareness about the correct disposal of household/other refuse via Warden Newsletter articles, as well as talking to local residents and



businesses. We believe that this has contributed to the significant decrease in fly-tipping reports for 2009 – 338 less reports were made than in 2008.

There were also fewer reports of abandoned vehicles in 2009: 25 less than in 2008. The Wardens are continuing to try and identify such vehicles quickly, and then passing the details over to relevant agencies for investigation/removal.

Finally, the number of housing defect reports decreased by 42, compared to the 2008 figures. The Wardens continue to carry out general observations

whilst on patrol, as well as block inspections. The details of any issues are passed over to Clapham Park Homes for resolution.

We need you to continue to report incidents to us, whether it is crime, housing or environment related. This will help keep your area safer and cleaner. Ring our Freephone number: 0800 32 88 979.



Please note new service hours:
Tuesday–Saturday: 2.00 pm–10.00pm

Clapham Park Project, 1–4 Brixton Hill Place
London SW2 1HJ
FREEPHONE 0800 32 88 979
Email: wardensoffice@claphampark.org.uk

A Centre for Learning in Clapham Park

Richard Atkins School held an event on Tuesday 2 December to celebrate the start of building work on its newly-named learning centre, the Clapham Park Centre (pictured).

The Centre is estimated to cost £1.8 million to complete: Clapham Park Project donated £1 million to the build and Lambeth Council donated a further £500,000.

The Clapham Park Centre will be available for all members of the community, not just the pupils and parents of Richard Atkins School.

The Rt. Hon. Keith Hill MP, Leader of the Council Cllr Steve Reed, CPP Chief Executive Angus Johnson and Chair of School Governors Nigel East spoke to the children and parents on the morning of the event.

The overall message was one of hope and future aspirations for the area: all of the speakers applauded the progress made in the area, via Clapham Park Project's successful community projects and the physical regeneration in the Clapham Park area.

Cllr Paul McGlone, Lambeth Council Cabinet Member for Children and Young People's Service, said:

“The project will bring a superb new learning environment for not just the pupils at the school but also the wider community who will have access to these fantastic new facilities.”

Following the speeches, visitors, staff, pupils and parents viewed the building site.

Richard Atkins pupil Lauren (pictured above right) gave a vote of thanks to the Clapham Park Project and Lambeth Council, and then cut a ribbon on behalf of all involved in the project: the stakeholders, fundraisers, and the end users in the community.

The Clapham Park Centre is due to be completed in Summer 2010.



L-R: Nigel Eastman Richard Atkins (RA) School Governor, Rt Hon Keith Hill MP, Leader of the Council Cllr Steve Reed, CPP Chief Executive Angus Johnson, RA pupil Lauren



Clapham Park Centre – launch of the build

Change UR Life for the future

UR Life Advice and the Clapham Park Project (CPP) have been working together in order to help young people find the employment they're looking for.

This partnership involves UR Life Advice connecting with young people in the local community and referring them to CPP for job interviews. The vacancies at CPP have been made possible by funding received through a government scheme called 'Future Jobs', which sets out to create paid, professional work experience for 18 to 24-year-olds.

Thanks to the work of UR Life Advice, seven young residents have been recruited by CPP as Regeneration Assistants, and they will

help to improve the community by working in several theme groups, including: Community Engagement, Employment & Training, Youth Engagement and Fundraising.

This year, UR Life Advice has also provided the local Youth Forum with funding, allowing 11 members to take part in a residential weekend. The young people will participate in a range of activities, such as rock climbing, caving, trekking and water sports. These fun and engaging exercises will help to build their self-confidence and highlight the value of responsibility and teamwork.

Call us on 020 8678 5900 or email: urlife@claphampark.org.uk

Make yourself employable

Since the summer of last year, Clapham Park Project has held a range of highly successful one-day courses designed to help prepare those looking for employment, with topics including: "Job Search Tips", "Effective Communication" and "Interview Techniques". These courses are free of charge and available to any Lambeth residents, and provide a National Open College Network accredited qualification when the course is completed.

The courses have attracted many residents, as well as a variety of feedback praising them and their 'outstanding' instructor. One attendee described herself as being 'glad to have participated', whilst another attendee would 'certainly recommend this course to others', adding: 'I have learnt a lot about myself'.

For further information on these courses, call 0208 678 5900.

Personal Best



Personal Best volunteers at the London Marathon

The **Personal Best** programme aims to help particularly marginalised groups such as the long term unemployed seek paths to employment by providing training and volunteering.

The programme has successfully passed 24 learners who completed the 9-week training course which included 25 hours of volunteering.

All learners have now obtained a nationally recognised level 1 qualification from the programme and they are now eligible for a guaranteed interview to become a Games Time Volunteer at London's 2012 Olympics.

New volunteering and training for the NDC

Clapham Park Project is creating a proposal for a new volunteering scheme. The main aim of the project is to create volunteering opportunities which are associated with residents' future employment goals.

The scheme also aims to support those who have a general interest in volunteering by helping residents to seek opportunities that are relevant to their interests.

The project aims to engage with the long-term unemployed, young people and lone parents from the NDC area. The project will provide ongoing support to ensure each individual's needs are met, creating individual personal development plans and future employment goals. This will help to enhance each individual's skill-set and experience, increasing their prospects for future employment.

To find out more, contact Sheryl Buabin Volunteer Coordinator: sbuabin@claphampark.org.uk / 020 8678 5942.

CPP has a new Employment and Training Project Manager, Kate Lightfoot. Kate will be working in partnership with CPP's Youth Programme and Volunteer Scheme to finalise a new strategy for employment, training and volunteering in the Clapham Park area. This strategy will not replace the Shop for Jobs service which has now been discontinued. More information on the updated strategy will be available in coming weeks.



GENERATION RADIO

It was a busy year for Generation Radio, packed with the demands and excitement of keeping a 24-hours-a-day, 7-days-a-week radio station, and the team finished off 2009 entertaining guests at the Winter Celebration (see p.2).

For 2010, Ofcom awarded Generation Radio another short-term one-month FM licence. Generation Radio was on 87.7FM from 17th January-13th February 2010.

The broadcast covered Clapham Park and the surrounding Lambeth area. The Generation Radio team interviewed a range of guests during this time, including:

Lambeth Borough Commander Ephgrave, Dave McEvoy Chair of the Weir Estate Residents Association, Bill Payne Chief Executive of the Metropolitan Housing Partnership, Owen Thompson Managing Director of Clapham Park Homes, John Cannell Project Manager of Embrace Corporation Ltd, Ty and JackFlash Hip Hop artists and the rock band Rev78.

To find out who popped in for a chat, check the Guests section on Generation Radio's website www.generationradio.co.uk.

If you would like to volunteer with Generation Radio contact us at studio@generationradio.co.uk or call 020 8623 9421.

Green Champions needed!

If you're interested in meeting new people, saving money and caring for the environment you could become one of Lambeth Council's Green Community Champions. All you have to do is to join a green community project or set one up in your area.

In return you will get support from Lambeth Council, including regular newsletters to keep you up to date with what's going on in your area. The council will provide you with contact details for other local environmental projects. It also offers support with fundraising, accessing specialist resources and organising events.

Lots of people are already working

hard to make Lambeth a greener place to live. Here are two of their stories:

Green Community Champion, Bonnie Hewson, runs the Blenheim Gardens EDIBLE Estate project, which encourages residents to grow their own food:

"The idea was to get as many people as possible to grow food in back gardens, on balconies in containers, in hanging baskets or in small, raised beds in the newly created barren flowerbeds around the estate.

Everyone is invited, from keen gardeners to absolute beginners. We have teenagers from Clapham Youth Centre who helped to build our children's garden and a group of kids from the estate aged

4-18.

The real achievement is the number of residents involved. The atmosphere on Saturday afternoons is pure gardening joy. You can't move without tripping over a child

with a watering can. These kids now run in and out of my house searching for cake.

My Caribbean neighbour and I share the pleasure of watching his broad beans grow. The estate is certainly a lot friendlier than it was in the past.

"Gaining a sense of community, getting to know your neighbours, learning new skills, producing food and experiencing the wonder of watching a seed grow into a plant are just some of the benefits of being involved. There's also the joy of seeing things growing everywhere and knowing they're doing a world of good to your soul, your ecosystem and your health."

"The real achievement is the number of residents involved"

Toni Scott is a Green Community Champion who works with the Whiteley Road Green Group in Norwood.

"As well as wanting to get involved in the community I was keen to reduce the amount of energy I use to help limit

climate change. I started to get work done on my house to reduce heat loss and energy and water consumption. The more I talked about my activities the more people wanted to play their part.

All I needed to do to get others in my street involved was to organise the first meeting. Although we're still in the early stages, our group has already met three times. We're now planning to have energy assessments carried out on our homes, so that we can take measures to reduce our energy consumption.

Becoming a Green Community Champion has given me the opportunity to learn more about sustainable living. I have also got to know the people in my street who would otherwise have continued to live as strangers alongside me. I have saved money by reducing my energy consumption, developed lots of new interests and made new friends."

Contact Susan Sheehan, the Green Community Champions Officer, to find out more: greenchampion@lambeth.gov.uk / 020 7926 7672 or call Patricia Poorman on 020 8678 5900.



Green Champions needed!

Neighbourhood Forum tackles anti social behaviour

Anti-social behaviour was the hot topic at the Neighbourhood Forum meeting which took place on Thursday 22nd October 2009 at the Community Resource Centre on Headlam Road.



Residents from across Thornton ward attended the meeting to find out what Clapham Park Homes (CPH), Thornton ward Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) and Lambeth Council do to tackle Anti Social Behaviour (ASB) in the area.

Sgt Ashok Patel from Thornton ward SNT (pictured) gave a presentation on some of the

actions that the SNT have taken and will be taking to tackle ASB. There has been an increase in ASB incidents at Poynders Parade and CCTV has now been installed at Poynders Parade as a deterrent measure. In the near future the SNT will be splitting the ward into two areas and Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) will be assigned specific patches. One of the objectives of this is so PCSOs can develop a more robust relationship with residents.

Ethel Fosu, CPH Neighbourhood Services Manager and a Lambeth ASB Manager were in attendance to talk about the policies for dealing with ASB, and what actions residents who have experienced ASB should take.

Other concerns raised at the meeting were: CPH were not employing local residents to work in their office; CPH should be holding public meetings to talk about general issues on the estate other than the Development Programme and the behaviour of some of CPH's Customer Service staff when residents visit the office.

If you would like a copy of the minutes from this meeting contact Patricia Poorman: 0208 678 5900.

Key contact number

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| Lambeth ASB Reporting Line | 020 7926 4000 |
| Thornton Ward Safer Neighbourhood Team | 020 8721 2622 |
| Clapham Park Neighbourhood Warden | 0800 328 8979 |
| Clapham Park Homes | 020 862 38901 |

To report a dangerous dog, or if you have any information regarding illegal dog fighting or dogs being used in an intimidating way to assist crime, **contact the police on 0300 123 1212.**

Neighbourhood Forum Steering Group needs new members

Clapham Park Neighbourhood Forum provides an opportunity for you to talk directly to service providers, decision makers, local councillors and other residents. If you live in Thornton Ward and would like to get involved in the Neighbourhood Forum or the Neighbourhood Forum Steering Group **contact Clapham Park Project on 0208 678 5900.**

Agnes Riley Gardens sports pitch bookings



Clapham Park youngsters enjoy using Agnes Riley Gardens football pitch

Lambeth Council's Sports and Recreation Service are managing the sports pitch bookings at Agnes Riley Gardens (pictured) on an interim basis. This process will be in place until further notice.

The booking of the pitches will continue to be free and for community groups only. The council will be continuing to book these facilities one month in advance on a monthly basis.

Bookings will be displayed in the site notice boards located by the sports facilities. Bookings must be received 5 working days before the end of the month.

To book the pitches please send details of your group and information of your booking to the Sports and Recreation Services via email:

sportspitches@lambeth.gov.uk
General enquires: 020 7926 0479



Invest in yourself!

CPP's TimeBank project continues with ever more TimeBank members exchanging their time for credits.

The TimeBank is a national initiative inspiring ever more people to volunteer and donate their time, and since its beginnings, over 220,000 people have entered the world of volunteering.

In the past five years alone, the CPP TimeBank has involved over 200 members and over 11,000 hours have been 'exchanged'.

TimeBank is dedicated to improving the life and health of individuals, providing one-to-one support where required. For example, the Tea'n'Chat happens every Tuesday 2.30-4pm: for more details check

the Events Calendar at www.claphampark.org.uk

The **Clapham Park Outreach Limited** has been set up to continue TimeBank's work at Clapham Park.

If you would like to learn more about Time Bank, contact Elspeth Anderson on eanderson@claphampark.org.uk



New adult mental health engagement body

Metropolitan Support Trust is hosting a new Adult Mental Health 'engagement body' for Lambeth NHS, now known as Vital Link.

Vital Link will be an important link between NHS Lambeth, who provide health services in Lambeth, and the service users and carers who are using adult mental health services. It aims to help users and carers in Lambeth influence the way adult mental health services are planned and run and to make sure they meet the needs of users and carers. Representatives from the group will be visiting mental health services in Lambeth to meet with service users and carers to find out what they think about the services they receive.

Vital Link will be launched on 5 March at Lambeth Accord, 336 Brixton Road, SW9 7AA, from 11.30am to 3pm.

If you or someone you know uses adult mental health services in Lambeth and you would like to come along to find out more about Vital Link and how you can get involved, please contact Naomi Graham on 020 7501 2314. Places are limited so let us know as soon as possible if you would like to come.

Friday Night Social Club

Would you like to meet new people, have fun and take part in lots of different activities? Then why not come to our Friday Night Social Club. The Social Club runs from 5.00-8.00pm every Friday from Clapham Park Project, 1-4 Brixton Hill Place. For more information call Jennifer on 020 8678 5927.



Residents attend the social club

Clapham Park Project joins forces with Fulham Football Club Foundation



Brede Hangeland, Fulham's Healthy Lifestyle Ambassador, gets his blood pressure checked, looked on by Fulham legend George Cohen who won the World Cup with England in 1966.

On 19 February, Fulham Football Club Foundation launched its new Lambeth initiative, Premier League Health. This is part of a nationwide initiative funded by the Premier League and the New Football Pools to tackle men's health issues. Clapham Park

Project has funded the project to be delivered in Clapham Park, and there is a wider multi-agency partnership involving Lambeth Community Health, London Active Communities, Sport Action Zone and Waterloo Jobs helping to deliver this initiative.

Premier League Health aims to engage men aged 18+ in raising awareness of health issues that may affect them. Activities include football, gym sessions and one to one health and well being sessions.

There are also sessions about nutrition and bespoke workshops to providing basic numeracy and literacy skills, as well as CV writing. Those suffering from depression, or wanting to maintain a healthier lifestyle or just want to play football, should join.

Fulham player Brede Hangeland, Fulham's Healthy Lifestyle Ambassador for the initiative said: "Many people take their health for granted and it's not until they, a family member or friend become ill that they start to really think about what they could do to improve it. To know that there are fitness coaches, medical staff and other professionals available to help, is incentive enough for anyone to want to take part."

If you are interested in joining to improve your health, you can contact Clapham Park Project on **0800 085 2378** or Fulham Football Club Foundation on 07776 008 955/07789 786 700 or email Phealth@fulhamfc.com

| Day/Date | Meeting/Event | Time | Venue |
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| March 2010 | | | |
| Thur 11 | Neighbourhood Forum | 6.30pm | Community Resource Centre, 1 Headlam Rd, London SW4 |
| Tue 23 | CPP Board Meeting | 6.00 for 6.30pm | 1-4 Brixton Hill Place, London SW2 1HJ |
| May 2010 | | | |
| Tue 25 | CPP Board Meeting | 6.00 for 6.30pm | 1-4 Brixton Hill Place, London SW2 1HJ |

For more diary dates visit www.claphampark.org.uk/events.
If you would like to publicise your event in the Clapham Park Diary, call Denise on 020 8678 5934

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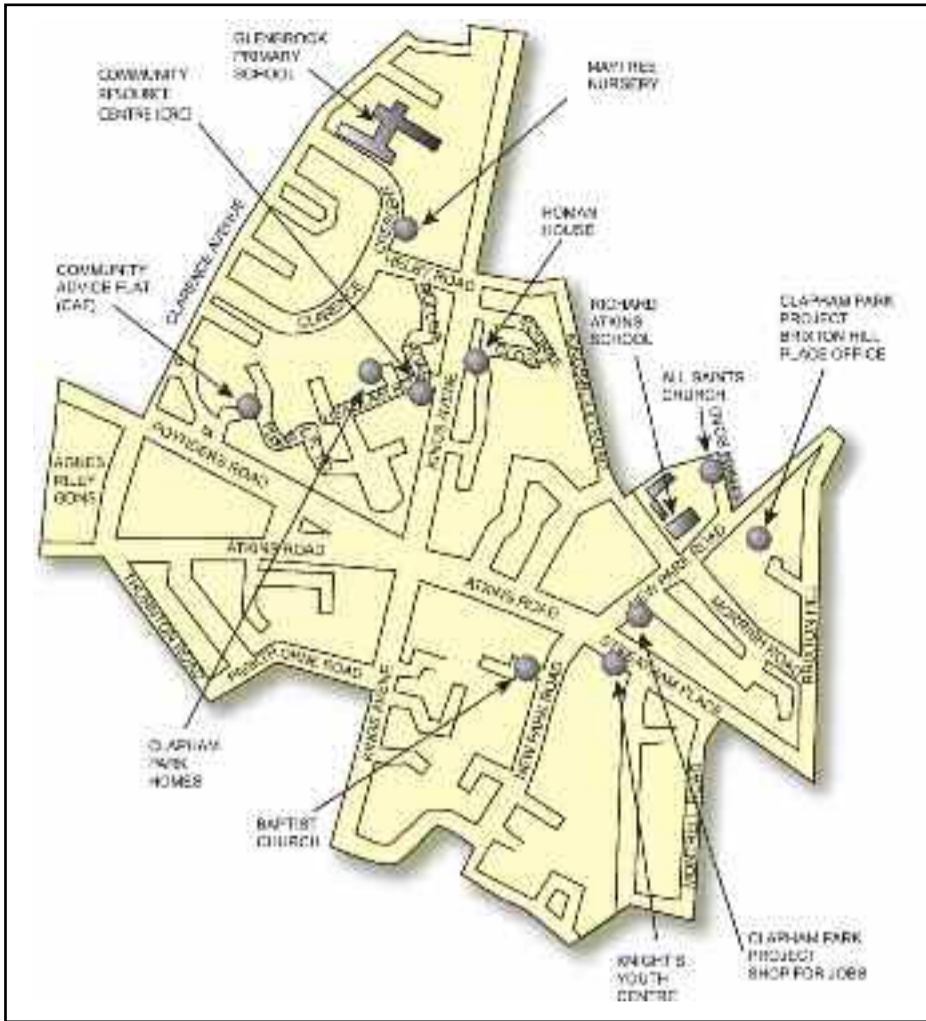


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Contributions for the next issue are needed by **Friday 2nd April, 2010**.



Brand new CPP website

The new Clapham Park Project website is now live.



Sign-up for the Clapham Park Project monthly online newsletter, **E-Life** featuring all the latest news and activities in the Clapham Park area.

Visit www.claphampark.org.uk to find out more.

If you would like to list any events, jobs or offers on the site or in **E-Life**, please contact Denise Adolphe on **020 8678 5934** or email dadolphe@claphampark.org.uk

WORDSEARCH

Take a few minutes of your time to find all the words related to this issue of Park Life in the grid on the right. Words can be horizontal, vertical or diagonal, backwards or forwards. Once you have found all the words listed, complete the entry form below and send the

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