

# Park Life

Clapham Park Project | Spring Newsletter 2022



Clapham Park Project



**Welcome to Park Life, CPP's quarterly newsletter.**

At Clapham Park Project, we are looking forward to a new era. Our activities in recent years have been severely hampered both by the impact of Covid and a reduction in our income. With Covid restrictions being lifted we have been able to restart our activities such as those for the elderly and for young people (see pages 2, 3 & 4).

Our Board will be deciding over the next few months on what our new priorities should be. **Let us know what you think by completing our questionnaire** (see page 4). We look forward to hearing from you.

**Diana Morris**  
Chair, Clapham Park Project

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## Improving Agnes Riley Gardens



Spring clean in the community garden

Local students learning about pondlife

The Friends have recently been busy doing a spring clean of the Community Garden.

The Friends are also involved in a collaboration with the Council to improve water management in the park. Regular park users will have seen the flooding that occurred last year. There are various strands to the project, which is supported by the Mayor of London's Grow Back Greener Fund, such as improving the drainage to the ponds and creating a raingarden with wild flowers.

The aspect that the Friends are working on at the moment, in conjunction with The Froglife Trust, is to enhance the ponds as habitat for wildlife. Friends volunteers have been helping to clear the ponds of invasive weeds to allow more light in, so that frogs and other pondlife can thrive. Some local school students came along to see what was happening and to learn more about amphibian creatures from a Froglife expert. More volunteer days and workshops are planned.

Look out for details of these on the website [www.agnesrileygardens.org.uk](http://www.agnesrileygardens.org.uk) and on Facebook.

## Fun and games during February half term

Children and their families enjoyed a week of fun with Carnival arts & design, Junior Joloff Chef, Dr Bikes, family table tennis, African drumming, arts & crafts and more.



Over 60 children, young people and their families enjoyed a variety of different activities at the Cube Community Centre at Clapham Park during the half term week. Funding from Metropolitan Thames Valley Housing Association and Clapham Park Project meant more activities were available.

'Fun', 'creative', 'valuable', 'exciting', 'want to do it again', 'gave me new ideas', 'worked as a group'. These are how some of the children and young people told us of their experiences.

Their parents commented 'This is a brilliant opportunity for young people to interact with everyone in a safe environment' and 'More people should try this because it is fun and better than staying at home'.

Children and young people enjoyed learning to design and make their own masks which they took home. Many have said they would join again and also participate in the summer Fun Day Carnival. The family table tennis was so successful that we have decided to provide it as a regular activity.

Despite the bad weather on the Friday, we have managed to reschedule the remaining activities.

Check out our website for more details: [www.claphampark.org.uk](http://www.claphampark.org.uk)

## FREE Activities for Children and Young People in and around Thornton ward

Activity	Age	When	Where	Contact
<b>Clapham Park Project</b>				
Bike repair & building project. Free bike given if do not have one	8-18	Saturday 11am-1 pm 2pm-4pm	Clapham Park Cube Community Centre, 116 Kings avenue, SW4 8DF	Ching Wah Wong 07959 337 305 <a href="mailto:cwong@claphampark.org.uk">cwong@claphampark.org.uk</a>
Carnival arts	8-12	Monday 11 April 1-3pm		
Carnival Design & Techniques	13-20	Monday 11 April 3:30- 5:30pm		
Intergenerational Table Tennis	8 +	Tuesdays 6-8pm <b>From 26<sup>th</sup> April</b>		
<b>Knights Youth Centre</b>				
Inters	12-16	Monday 6-8pm	Knights Youth Centre 27 Streatham Place SW2 4QQ	Ryan Bish (Head of Youth Work Services) 07513 307 563 <a href="mailto:ryan@knightsyouthcentre.org.uk">ryan@knightsyouthcentre.org.uk</a>
Girls session	8-18	Wednesday 6-8pm		
Seniors	16-19	Thursday 5-9pm		
Junior club	8 - 12	Fridays 6-8pm		
<b>St Thomas with St Stephen</b>				
Older Youth Night	School years 9-13	Monday 7-9pm	St Stephens Church Centre, Weir Road, SW12 0NU	<a href="http://stwss.org.uk/youth">stwss.org.uk/youth</a> Sam Baker 020 8675 5086 <a href="mailto:sam.baker@stwss.org.uk">sam.baker@stwss.org.uk</a>
Younger Youth Night	School years 6-8	Thursday 7-8.30pm		
<b>The Weir Link</b>				
After-school homework club	6-11	Tuesday 4:30-5:30pm	33 Weir Road, London SW12 0NU	Lizzie or Rita <a href="mailto:helo@theweirlink.org.uk">helo@theweirlink.org.uk</a>
Polish Stay & Play club	Up to 11	Thursday 4-5:30pm		
Pop Up community Cafe	Preschools & primary school age	Thursday 4-5pm	Michael Tippett College Belthorn Crescent, Weir Road, London SW12 0NS	
<b>Tutors United</b>				
After school tuition in Maths & English	Years 4,5,6	Thursday 4-6pm Complete registration form: <a href="https://tutorsunites.org/parents-families/register-your-child/">https://tutorsunites.org/parents-families/register-your-child/</a>	Clapham Park Cube Community Centre 116 Kings Avenue, SW4 8DF	Tutors United Programmes Team: 03003654466
<b>Metropolitan Thames Valley Housing Association</b>				
Fight 4 Change	14-19	Wednesday 5-7pm	Clapham Park Cube Community Centre 116 Kings Avenue, SW4 8DF	Wahid Islam 07717720584 or <a href="mailto:Wahid.islam@mtvh.co.uk">Wahid.islam@mtvh.co.uk</a>
ERS – HAF Easter Break Project		Monday to Thursday (4 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> April) start time vary.	Clapham Park Cube/ Moorlands community centre	Sara at ERS 07852878887 <a href="mailto:info@exceedreadingstars.com">info@exceedreadingstars.com</a>
<b>Ascension Trust 6040 Project</b>				
Youth Club	10-18 (Yr 6- Yr 13)	Wednesday Evening 5.30-7pm £2 donation encouraged	Kings Acre Church (BAC Youth Zone), 59 Lyham Road, Brixton, SW2 5DH	Tama-Renae Morris <a href="mailto:t.morris@ascensiontrust.org.uk">t.morris@ascensiontrust.org.uk</a> 07862738150 Peter Brown <a href="mailto:pbrown@ylinternational.org">pbrown@ylinternational.org</a>
<b>CEF Lynx (Charity)</b>				
VS3P (Virtual Study Support Schooling Project) offering extra-tuition with literacy, numeracy & science	Yr. 1-8 (key stage 1-3) 5-13	Monday-Thursday 5- 7pm	On line	<a href="http://www.cefi.org.uk/staying-on-top-of-the-game">http://www.cefi.org.uk/staying-on-top-of-the-game</a> Christian 07706 179851 or <a href="mailto:community7@CEFI.org.uk">community7@CEFI.org.uk</a>
Creative StEP (Saturdays the Extra Project) Music, Dance, Videography, Photography, Fashion & Textile & Art & Drawing production	11-16	Saturday 10am-4pm	The Greenhouse Windmill Gardens SW2 5DA	<a href="http://www.cefi.org.uk/our-sharp-offer">http://www.cefi.org.uk/our-sharp-offer</a>
EASTER BREEZE BootCamp 2022 Active Sports, Creative Activities, Fun Learning, Food and Play activities. Lunch every day. SHARP (School Holidays Active & Recreation Project). Runs 6 weekly during school holidays	-16 volunteering/ work experience opportunities for over 16 years old.	4 -14 April inclusive 10am-4pm	The Windmill Garden (Park), Blenheim Gardens, Brixton Hill SW2 5DA	<a href="http://www.cefi.org.uk/our-sharp-offer">http://www.cefi.org.uk/our-sharp-offer</a>

## Bikes Project on the move

### FREE Bike Building Sessions for Children & Young People

(8 years of age or over)

New venue:

**Clapham Park Cube Community Centre,  
116 Kings Avenue SW4 8DF**

**Saturdays 11am to 1pm or 2pm to 4pm**

Funded by Lambeth Council, we teach children and young people basic bike building and maintenance skill. They will learn to build/repair their own bikes or fix them and take the bikes (second hand) away if they do not already own one. There are no costs involved except your time and commitment. There is £10 returnable deposit payable on the first session.

**Must book in advance.** Call Ching Wah 07958 337 305 or [cwong@claphampark.org.uk](mailto:cwong@claphampark.org.uk)



Bike Club at Harris Academy Clapham

### Over 50s enjoying Christmas Dinner with music from GW Jazz



## Trustees wanted

Clapham Park Project is a local, resident led, community organisation working to improve the life chances of residents in Clapham Park and the surrounding neighbourhood.

Our primary focus is on community development and empowerment; we also run projects and activities which support young people and the elderly.

We are currently looking to recruit new trustees to oversee and guide the organisation through its next phase of development. If you are passionate about your community and want to make a contribution, we would love to hear from you.

For more information, or an informal discussion, please e-mail Angus Johnson, Chief Executive at [ajohnson@claphampark.org.uk](mailto:ajohnson@claphampark.org.uk).

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Wednesday 18th May 6:30-8:30pm**

**Brixton Hill Safer  
Neighbourhood Panel**

**1-4 Brixton Hill Place  
SW2 1HJ**

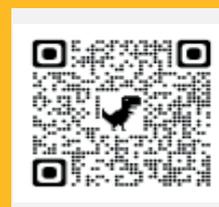
**Tuesday 24th May 6:30-8:30pm**

**Thornton ward Safer Neighbourhood Panel**

**The Cube,  
116 Kings Avenue SW4 8DF**

**Hustings events**

**Check dates on our website [www.claphampark.org.uk](http://www.claphampark.org.uk)**



**CPP is consulting with local residents. Please complete the "Park Life questionnaire" on our website. The QR Code will take you to the website.**