

Children & Young People's activities in Thornton Ward

Bikes Project Workshop behind Poynders Parade
27 July to 31 August

Dr Bike Sessions for 8-16 year olds Tuesdays & Wednesdays (11am-3pm). No booking required.

Ongoing

Tuesdays 4:30pm to 6:30pm; Wednesdays 4:30pm to 6:30pm; Saturdays 11am to 1pm and 2pm to 4pm. Learn to build/repair your own bikes 8-16 year olds.

BOOKING ESSENTIAL Contact Ching Wah for more details on 07958337305 or email cwong@claphampark.org.uk

Clapham Park Cube, 115 Kings Avenue

2 August to 27 August

Monday to Friday (10am-4pm) Schools Out Summer Programme for 8-16 year olds include arts & crafts, sports, cooking, DJ music making workshop, Boxing fitness and off site activities. Register for 2 week sessions with Elevating Success on 020 7993 8411 or email benjoyce@elevatingsuccess.co.uk or register at <https://bit.ly/CPPSummerActivities>

Agnes Riley Gardens—26 July to 3 September

Monday to Friday (10am-1pm) Summer Splash 2021 for 8-16 year olds includes fun filled activities, engaging games, and multi-sports for all! Register today. Spaces are limited and allocated on a first come first serve basis. Contact Sports City 020 3600 0508 or email info@sportscitylondon.com.

Windmill Gardens (Park) 26 July to 27 August 2021

CEF Lyncx Summer Holidays BootCamp Monday to Friday for 7-15 year olds. Active sports, creative activities, fun learning food and play. Contact CEFI on 020 7737 4274 or see website www.cefi.org.uk

Tutors United

Summer Challenge 1 day online event (going into Years 4, 5 & 6 this September). Create an educational game app and present their ideas. Also offers free academic support in Maths and English for older primary school pupils. Register your interest at www.tutorsunited.org or email programmes@tutorsunited.org or 07979 452 319

Clapham Park Project Questionnaire

Clapham Park Project invites local residents who have lived through months of Covid lockdown, to share their experiences with us so we have an idea of how to shape our future work programmes. Many residents have experienced isolation for many months.

If you would like to participate please go to our website www.claphampark.org.uk where you will find a simple form to complete.

CLAPHAM PARK NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM *for the Thornton & Clapham Park community*

We are looking for new Committee members to help us develop and shape the Forum. We also want you to tell us what topics you think the Forum ought to be discussing and what activities it ought to get involved in. Contact Ching Wah on 07958 337 305 or email her on cwong@claphampark.org.uk for further information.

The Clapham Park Neighbourhood Forum was set up to provide a constructive forum for residents to voice their views on any specific problems or issues affecting their local neighbourhood, to put forward ideas for community improvement to support local community activity.

The forum has been involved, over the years, in discussing proposals for a new schools at the Glenbrook site, encouraging residents to participate in the consultation on a potential Controlled Parking Zone in the area, seeking residents' ideas to be fed into the local 'Our Streets' programme, developing an input to Lambeth's Local Plan and enabling scrutiny of the new Masterplan for the regeneration of the Clapham Park Estate.

A recent forum responded to concerns about the growing level of violence amongst young people. That meeting led to action to publicise activities in which local young people could be involved and to securing a small grant from Lambeth Council to fund additional activities in the area. Because of the Covid-19 lockdown, there have been delays in bringing this forward.

The Forum has also provided support to the local Over 50's Lunch Club and Coffee Morning, the Clapham Park Community Fun Day and the Friends of Agnes Riley Gardens including raising funds for the community garden and to repair the paddling pool.

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Community Chest

Have you an idea for a Community Project to benefit local residents in Clapham Park? We have grants of up to £500 for you to develop your project or activity for local residents. To apply visit the CPP website.

Here you will find application forms, funding criteria, guidance notes and a map of the catchment area.

For an informal discussion call **0208 678 5931** or **07786 319 937** or email pjoseph@claphampark.org.uk



PARK LIFE

Clapham Park Project Newsletter

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WELCOME to Park Life

We're so pleased that we are at long last able to reconnect with the Clapham Park community.

We know that many people in our area will have been struggling over the last eighteen months and hope that we can now all begin to return to some semblance of normal life. Since the last time we distributed Park Life, we at CPP have had our difficulties. We have not been able to undertake our normal activities since so many of them involve face to face contact. But, above all, we have suffered the loss of our longstanding chair, Donna C. Henry MBE, who died suddenly last August. I am humbled to have been elected by the CPP Board to succeed her. I hope that I will be able to show a similar level of dedication to the local community and the tenacity that Donna did over her long association with CPP. We have devoted the middle of this issue to talking about Donna's life and work. Donna would I'm sure be pleased that we are now able to begin to start delivering our activities again safely.

Diana Morris,
Chair,
Clapham Park Project



New looks for Agnes Riley Gardens

CPP and the Clapham Park Neighbourhood Forum have been supporting the Friends of Agnes Riley Gardens for a number of years. The Friends work with the council for the benefit of the park: amongst other activities, they look after the community garden and have in recent years run the paddling pool there. Recently they have been busy sprucing up the pond, clearing litter and renewing the planting around the rim. Volunteers spent an afternoon working with council officers to get the work done.

During the pandemic – and last year's drought - volunteers have struggled to keep the community garden in good shape. Recently with the help of the National Lottery Community Fund and Urban Canopy, the gardeners now have a newly covered polytunnel and new raised beds. Local residents participated in a Sown from Home seedling project. Both activities have led to new gardeners becoming involved. The community gardeners are always grateful to the One O'Clock Club for permitting access to their water supply.

If anyone is interested in volunteering with the Community Garden, go along to the Sunday morning sessions from 10.30am to 12.30pm at the Garden or contact the Friends on their general email address friends@agnesrileygardens.org.uk or find them on Facebook & Twitter @agnesrileygdns or website www.agnesrileygardens.org.uk.

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.

We are currently looking to recruit new trustees to oversee and guide the organisation through its next phase of development.

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 for new trustees to join our Board so, 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 in the first instance.



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Donna C Henry MBE, Clapham Park Project Board Member 2000-2020

Donna C Henry MBE, CPP's chair who has died suddenly aged 66, was one of a group of fellow residents, including Sue Bowman MBE; Oliver Higgins; Charlie Kennedy and Julia McFadden amongst others, who worked hard in the late 1990's to bring the social, economic and housing problems of the Clapham Park estate to the attention of Lambeth council. They persuaded the council to choose Clapham Park as its New Deal for Communities (NDC) area which would attract significant amounts of Government investment. They were successful and the Clapham Park Project was established in 2000 as the NDC organisation for the area. Donna joined the board of CPP, soon becoming vice-chair and, in 2005, chair. She held that position conscientiously for 15 years until her death. By then, she had steered CPP's transition to the charity status it has today.

As Clapham Park residents will know, much of the NDC investment went into upgrading the housing stock with the estate being transferred from the Council into the control of a resident-led housing association later absorbed into Metropolitan Thames Valley Housing Association. As well as her work for the CPP, for some time Donna sat on the board of the estate's housing association. She devoted herself to ensuring that the regeneration programme would remain true to the community's vision for the area. In 2011, Donna's work was recognised when she was appointed MBE.

Although Donna lived in Clapham Park for several decades, her roots lay elsewhere. She was the eldest child of Gwen Lindo and Kenneth Mills, and was born in St Kitts in the West Indies, and spent her early childhood there in the care of her grandmother. At the age of eight she moved to join her mother in north-west England, settling in Oldham. It was from there that she moved to London to work as an ophthalmic nurse, eventually settling in Clapham Park. She had two children, Malana and Tshan, and married Kenneth Henry in 1988.

Donna was totally dedicated to the wellbeing of the residents of Clapham Park – The estate development project was not without its setbacks, not least repeated delays in funding. The financial crash of 2008 was a blow to the estate's ambitions. Some aspects of the regeneration were not entirely successful; and Donna was personally affected. But through all those vicissitudes, she remained hopeful of eventual success, maintaining her sense of humour and good spirits. She was a well-known figure in Clapham Park. She will be sorely missed.

