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Welcome



Welcome to this latest edition of Park Life.

As I was preparing my

introduction, I heard there will be a General Election on 8th June 2017.

I do want to encourage everyone to get out and vote; make your voice heard!

These days, people seem less inclined to get involved in local matters. I attended the Metropolitan consultation session in March and was surprised to see so few residents there.

This was your chance to influence the future shape of our neighbourhood, the Clapham Park estate.

There will be further opportunities to get involved later in the year so please watch out for dates.

*Donna C Henry MBE
Chair,
Clapham Park Project*

Glenbrook School Proposals

Over the last six months Clapham Park residents have been asked for their views on proposals to use part of the Glenbrook Primary School site at the junction of Clarence Crescent and Clarence Avenue for a new secondary school. In October last year, James Hadley who had been appointed as Headteacher of the planned secondary school, by the Gipsy Hill Federation of which Glenbrook is a member, attended the Clapham Park Neighbourhood Forum to tell residents about the scheme and seek their views.

Things have moved on significantly since October 2016. The Department for Education have given the school the full go ahead. James returned to the Neighbourhood Forum in February accompanied by Carmel Longley, Headteacher at Glenbrook Primary, to let residents know what progress had been made and some of the details.

In particular, they talked about the need to rebuild the existing Glenbrook Primary School. Since that February meeting, building contractors Bowmer and Kirkland have won the competition to build a new primary school with the intention that, subject to planning permission, the school will move into brand new state-of-the-art facilities on the current Clarence Avenue site in September 2018. The designers say that the new school will enjoy high spec large classrooms, bespoke play facilities for children of all ages and will be flooded with natural light.

Once Glenbrook Primary has been rebuilt, the Federation propose that their first secondary school will be constructed on the same site and will offer a guaranteed place for every child at Glenbrook and for a number of local children – an improved local offer following feedback from residents. The Federation say that the new Glenbrook campus will offer significant benefits to the local community including a large number of new jobs and at-cost hire of the brand new sporting facilities.

There will be further opportunities for the local community to be involved in the planning of the new schools. The pre-planning consultation that took place in early March, with an exhibition at Glenbrook School, will be followed up by the usual consultation that the council undertakes on all planning applications once the detailed plans for the primary school rebuild and the outline plans for the secondary school have been formally submitted to the council.



Young Clapham Wins Funding from Young Lambeth Co-operative (YLC)

Thanks to the YLC, Young Clapham (a new consortium consisting of 5 partners - Oasisplay, Knights Youth Centre, Clapham Park Project, Sports City and The Connect) has been awarded funding for the next 2 years to deliver diverse and inclusive play and youth opportunities in the Clapham locality. Each week, the Consortium will deliver 20 activity sessions to over 300 children and young people aged 5-19 years old.



Examples of activities include adventurous and inclusive outdoor nature play activities; life skills learning opportunities; accessible sports; offsite trips and residential and targeted youth support. All the activities are FREE.

If you are interested in being involved in any of the activities, please contact the organisations direct:

Oasisplay – Joanne Brown, director@oasisplay.org.uk

Knights Youth Centre – Stu Thomson, stu@knightsyouthcentre.org

The Connect – Jasmine Ennis, info@the-connect.org

Sports City – Benji Ackim, info@sportscitylondon.com



Clapham Park Project will be offering the popular Bikes Project for 8 to 16 year old children. Participants will be taught to work with tools and build a bike using donated recycled bikes. You will attend cycle confident training and go on accompanied rides out. **You will be able to take away the bike you have made.**

To find out more, contact Ching Wah on 020 8678 5922/ 07958 337 305 or cwong@claphampark.org.uk

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The New Masterplan

At the end of March 2017 Metropolitan unveiled their new masterplan for the Clapham Park estate. Two consultation sessions were held and staff were on hand to explain what the proposed new development would look like.

When compared with the existing masterplan the key changes were:

- to build an additional 900 new homes, mostly on the west and south of the estate;
- to reconfigure the area of green space, significantly reducing the size of the central park;
- to increase the height of some of the new build blocks;
- to focus the community and commercial facilities across King's Avenue.

More detailed work is underway so the plans are currently just in outline.

When reflecting on what is now proposed, three issues come to mind. The new housing blocks are laid out like barracks and seem to be close to one another. The proposed park is significantly smaller and the new green lanes won't get much natural light. Finally, we may not see delivery of all the community facilities promised earlier.

CPP are looking to work with residents to ensure their voice is heard, so if you want to get involved or discuss the proposals, please contact Angus at ajohnson@claphampark.org.uk and keep an eye out for the next Metropolitan consultation event.



Community Chest Update

The CPP Community Chest that has been open for applications since July 2016 and to date has supported several local groups who now provide activities and services that benefit the local community. More projects are being put forward, and as the summer months are coming, local people within our catchment area are keen to develop these. CPP's Community Development Officer will be working with funded groups to help sustain their projects as they have enhanced community engagement, helped people to develop friendships and worked to provide activities which local residents value.



Sports City Foundation



Polytunnel at Agnes Riley Gardens

To apply visit www.claphampark.org.uk
or email pjoseph@claphampark.org.uk

**Do you want to help
make a difference in
your community?**



To volunteer for our TLC Befriending Plus Project working with older people, contact Ching Wah Wong on 020 8678 5922 or email cwong@claphampark.org.uk

Get Involved in Your Neighbourhood Forum

The Clapham Park Neighbourhood Forum was setup 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 and to support local community activity.

As you can see from the article on the front page, recently the Forum has been discussing proposals for a new primary school and secondary school at the Glenbrook site. Other meetings over the last couple of years have helped to encourage residents to participate in the consultation on a potential Controlled Parking Zone in the area, sought residents' ideas to be fed into the local 'Our Streets' programme and provided a forum for debate on the EU referendum.

The Forum has also provided support to the local Over 50's Lunch Club and Coffee Morning, the Clapham Park Community Fun Day and Agnes Riley Gardens.

Let us know what topics you think the Forum ought to be discussing and what activities it ought to get involved in. You can do this by contacting **Ching Wah on 020 8678 5922 or email her at cwong@claphampark.org.uk**

Come & Join the Clapham Park Over 50s Social Club

- *Are you over 50 years old?*
- *Do you live in the Clapham Park and surrounding areas?*
- *Would you like to make new friends?*

The club is an independent group administered and managed by their management committee members, and supported by Clapham Park Project. Coffee mornings, luncheon clubs and Tai Chi (although all ages are welcome to this) are just some of the activities you can get involved in if you join the Clapham Park Over 50s Social Club. This year, the Club has received some funding from Metropolitan Housing and is able to provide some trips to the seaside in the coming warmer summer months.



If you are interested in joining any of these activities, please contact Ching Wah on 020 8678 5922 or email her on cwong@claphampark.org.uk.

Dates and events calendar

Saturday 17 June, 12noon – 3pm Richard Atkins Summer Carnival

Richard Atkins Primary School,
New Park Road, SW2 4JP
Food, music, raffle, face painting, stalls, and activities... All welcome!
Contact admin@richardatkins.org

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Saturday, 19th August 12noon to 5pm Love Clapham Park event Clapham Park Estate

Every Monday (except Bank Holidays) 7-8:30pm)

Table Tennis for all ages (FREE)
Community Resource Centre, corner of
Headlam Road/Kings Avenue, SW4 8HF
(opposite Sainsbury's Local)
Contact *Ching Wah* for details
020 8678 5922

Every Tuesday 11am-12.30pm Clapham Park Over 50s Coffee Morning (£2.00)

Community Resource Centre, corner of
Headlam Road/Kings Avenue, SW4 8HF
(opposite Sainsbury's Local)

Every Tuesday 12.30pm to 1.15pm Tai Chi for all ages (FREE)

Community Resource Centre, corner of
Headlam Road/Kings Avenue, SW4 8HF
(opposite Sainsbury's Local)
Contact *Ching Wah* for details -
020 8678 5922

Every Wednesday 9:30am-11:30am Creative Coffee Morning for Women

Pop Up Shop, Mullins Place, Kings Avenue,
SW4 8EU (next to Sainsbury Local)
Contact *Nighat* for details –
07832 401 398

Every Thursday 1.30pm-3.30pm Clapham Park Time Bank Arts & Crafts

Community Resource Centre, corner of
Headlam Road/Kings Avenue, SW4 8HF
(opposite Sainsbury's Local)
Contact *Ching Wah* for details
020 8678 5922

Every Friday 2-5pm Clapham Park Time Bank Tea 'n' Chat (FREE! Just drop in)

Clapham Park Project, 1-4 Brixton Hill Place,
Off Brixton Hill, SW2 1HJ
Contact *Ching Wah* for details -
020 8678 5922

Thursday 6th July, 7-9pm Brixton Safer Neighbourhood Panel

Clapham Park Project Office, 1-4 Brixton Hill
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