

ParkLife

Clapham Park Project Newsletter

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Clapham Park Project



Welcome to Park Life, CPP's quarterly newsletter

We are really pleased to be members of the Young Clapham Consortium and to host the Consortium's co-ordinator. Their recent success in securing funding from the London Mayor is a cause for celebration and we look forward to seeing the activities taking shape on the ground in Clapham (see page 2).

In this issue, we are also looking back on a topsy-turvy summer weather-wise. The annual Clapham Park Summer Fun Day had to be hastily relocated indoors to shelter from the rain and cold while the Agnes Riley Autumn Fair saw people sheltering from blazing sun. Along with tragic floods and fires across the world this must be food for thought for any remaining climate change sceptics. Both events were nevertheless a success bringing together the local community and in particular provided activities for our area's young people (pages 1 & 4).

Following our advertisement for new trustees in the last issue of ParkLife, we have received a number of applications. It is always good to be reminded that there are lots of you out there who are willing to contribute to your community.

Diana Morris
Chair, Clapham Park Project

Annual Fun Day Get Together



Wet weather did not stop the community turning out to the annual Clapham Park Community Fun Day at the beginning of August.

Many residents and visitors (including MP Bell Ribeiro-Addy, Deputy Mayor John-Paul Ennis and local councillors Irfan Mohammed and Martin Tiedemann) braved the rain to enjoy a brilliant carnival performance by children from Goldstars Vision.

Other children had the opportunity to win prizes from e-gaming, decorate tote bags with their family and enjoy the bouncy castle and face painting to name but a few

of the activities available.

A variety of delicious food was on offer along with free ice cream for children. We want to thank the small planning group consisting of residents, staff from MTVH and from Clapham Park Project who made the event happen and for their energy and commitment over several months in the run-up to the day.

If you would like to get involved next year, sharing your ideas on how to make the event even more enjoyable, please contact Ching Wah on 07958 337 305 or email her cwong@claphampark.org.uk

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The Young Clapham Consortium



The Young Clapham Consortium is formed of nine different organisations within the broad Clapham area.

These organisations include Clapham Youth Centre, Autism Voice, The Hebe Foundation, CEF Lyncx (Charity), Knights Youth Centre, Goldstars Vision, The Wey Island Trust, Oasisplay as well as Clapham Park Project.

All these organisations are working together towards one common goal, which is to support the young people of Clapham.

Examples of some of the activities on offer are a 'Juniors to Inters'

programme enabling smooth transition for children from years 5 and 6 in primary school to secondary school (based at Clapham Youth Centre) and canoeing, off road biking and other outdoor activities (at The Wey Island Trust).

Young people can learn skills such as vehicle mechanics at the karting site at Pitstop (at Oasisplay), who also run a Youth Night as well as a Girls' Night.

Workshops for parents, volunteering opportunities and internships are on offer from CEF Lyncx (<https://cefi.org.uk/>) who also provide study support programmes and school holiday boot camps.

These are just a few of the activities provided for young people in Clapham. The Consortium's Instagram page called #YoungClapham has information about what's going on. Do follow us!

Four of our consortium members successfully got together to win an award from the London Mayor's Violence Reduction Unit. The consortium is now looking at how it might get joint funding for all its summer programmes and to help make our summer carnival an event truly steeped in the arts!

New Play Equipment at Agnes Riley Gardens



We have been keeping our ParkLife readers informed about progress on improvements to the playground at Agnes Riley Gardens. It's finally here – the new play equipment! It was installed in early October and children are already enjoying the new challenges.

Thanks to all those who participated in the consultation that was undertaken by the Friends of Agnes Riley Gardens. The next phase of the improvements will be the installation of a SplashPad to replace the old paddling pool. We will keep you updated on that.

Community Chest Funding



Two Community Garden Projects have been successful in securing funding from CPP's Community Chest.

One of the gardens is at Tresidder House, off Poynders Road, and the other is at the junction of Kings

Avenue and Clarence Avenue.

Both projects have been an invaluable resource for local residents enabling them to participate as volunteers in community gardening. The Community Chest has also funded a

Youth Sports Development programme for primary school children to engage in cricket. This will start in the spring of 2024 in two local schools - Glenbrook and Richard Atkins.

We are also supporting a Tai Chi project that takes place in the Cube on Tuesday mornings, and lastly a Community Wellness Day with Pilates, Tai Chi and various other workshops.

If you have a passion to develop projects and activities for your local community and residents, please do apply. Grants up to £1000 are available.

You will find an application pack, forms etc. on our website

www.claphampark.org.uk

or you can contact

pjoseph@claphampark.org.uk for further information.

Fun at the seaside



The Clapham Park Over 50s group was able to go on two seaside day trips this summer. Thanks to part funding from Metropolitan Thames Valley Housing Association, a group of 44 people, including carers, enjoyed a day out in Hastings. Margate was the destination for another 26 people, a trip that was supported by funds provided by the Over 50s Social Club. No umbrellas were needed!

Sunshine at the Autumn Fair



Job opportunity: Mechanic for our Bikes Project

We are looking for a sessional Cycle Mechanic working mainly on Saturdays for 6 hours. The initial contract will be for one year with the potential to continue subject to funding. The hourly rate is £14.33 per hour. You will be working with an experienced Bikes Project Worker, teaching children and young people basic bike building and maintenance skills. The post is subject to an enhanced DBS check. The closing date will be Monday 11th December 2023.

If you are interested, please contact Ching Wah on 020 8678 5922 or email her on cwong@claphampark.org.uk

In contrast to the Clapham Park Community Fun Day in August, park lovers had to seek shade from the sunshine at the Agnes Riley Autumn Fair in September. The annual event organised by the Friends of the park attracted lots of local residents. Children and young people enjoyed sports, a bouncy castle, welly-wanging, a treasure hunt, hoop throwing, face painting and an art competition. Thanks are due to all the volunteers involved, to those who donated delicious home made cakes and to Gordon who provided wonderful music throughout. If you are interested in supporting improvements in the park, why don't you get involved with the Friends by contacting friends@agnesrileygardens.org.uk

Save the Dates

**CHRISTMAS FAIR AT THE CUBE, SATURDAY 9TH DECEMBER
12NOON TO 4:30PM**

TAI CHI CLASSES (FREE) 18+
Tuesdays 10am to 11am at the Clapham Park Cube, 116 Kings Avenue.

OVER 50S COFFEE MORNING £2.00
Tuesdays 11am to 12:30pm at the Clapham Park Cube, 116 Kings Avenue

Meet your neighbours & make new friends over a cuppa & sandwiches.

ST THOMAS & ST STEPHENS YOUTH NIGHTS - FREE ENTRY
Tuesdays at the Clapham Park Cube, 116 Kings Avenue. All welcome.

- Younger Youth Night (School Years 6-8. 5:30pm – 6:45pm)
- Older Youth Nights (School Years 9-12. 7pm – 8:30pm)

Table Tennis, football, pool, Nintendo Switch, arts & crafts and more!. It's a chance to make new friends and develop your gift. To attend, register at stwss.org.uk/register

**CLAPHAM PARK WARD SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD PANEL
MEETING: PLEASE CHECK DATE ON WEBSITE**