



Welcome to Park Life, CPP's quarterly newsletter

CPP staff, through the Clapham Park Neighbourhood Forum, support the Friends of Agnes Riley Gardens. So we were delighted to see another successful Autumn Fair in the park (see page 2 for a full report).

Despite the weather (very wet!), local families came together for an afternoon of fun. There'll be more fun for children when the Friends put on their annual Meet Santa event on Saturday, 6th December, in the park's One O'Clock Club.

The festive season will continue with a Winter Fair in the Clapham Park Cube on the following Saturday (13th). All details are on page 4 of this newsletter.

You will also find reports on the activities of the Over 50's club that CPP staff have facilitated, projects supported by our Community Chest and our work with young people.

I wish you all the best for the festive season.

Diana Morris
Chair, Clapham Park Project

Annual Fun Day Get Together



MTVH, in partnership with the Clapham Park Project, Pinnacle, and residents, hosted this year's Summer Fun Day.

Despite the weather, the Clapham Park Community Fun Day was a great success. The event was bursting with vibrant activities, resident-led stalls, and a fantastic sense of community spirit throughout the day.

The wet weather didn't stop the community from turning out in full force for this annual celebration.. Many residents and visitors attended, including Belle Riberio-Addy MP, the Mayor of Lambeth, Councillor Adrian Garden and our local councillors. Guests

enjoyed a wide variety of delicious food and lively performances from the Brixton Chamber Orchestra.

A huge thank you goes to the planning group made up of residents and staff from MTVH and the Clapham Park Project for their energy, dedication, and commitment in making this event such a success.

Highlights of the Day Included:

- Live Music by Brixton Chamber Orchestra
- Reptile Display
- Arts and Crafts Activities
- Face Painting
- Variety of Delicious Foods

Competition Winner

CPP had its usual stall at the Fun Day. We provided free ice lollies for children and we had a 'guess the number of sweets' jar with a first prize of a £25 M&S food voucher.

The picture left features the Chief Executive of CPP, Angus Johnson, presenting the voucher to the winner, Eugene, who was very pleased.



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Agnes Riley Gardens Autumn Fair



The Friends of Agnes Riley Gardens (a group of local volunteers) held an Autumn Fair at the park. There was a fantastic turnout of people including lots of families with children of all ages. Plenty of cake was bought and consumed courtesy of wonderful donations from volunteers. The Friends also sold magnificent vegetables which they had grown in the Community Garden in the Park. All this took place against the backdrop of great music from Gordon of GW Jazz.

Call for Volunteers:

If you are interested in helping to improve Agnes Riley Gardens, the Friends are looking for more volunteers.

You don't have to be green-fingered.

Things you could get involved with, other than gardening, include

- maintaining and helping to keep the splashpad open during the summer,
- join/coordinate volunteers to look after the nature pond,
- help with consultations and maintaining the Friends profile on social media to name but a few.

Contact by emailing

friends@agnesrileygardens.org.uk

Over 50's Trips and Activities



Summer Trip to Hastings- Fun at the seaside

This summer, the Clapham Park Over 50s Group enjoyed a day out at the seaside. Thanks to part-funding from Metropolitan Thames Valley Housing Association, a group of 40 people, including carers, set off for a relaxing trip to Hastings.

It was a fantastic day filled with fresh sea air; everyone had a chance to unwind, socialise, and enjoy a change of scenery. Participants said they had a lovely time, and many are already



looking forward to the next trip!

We had a wonderful time celebrating **Well-being Day** at the Old Laundry Community Centre with Macmillan. The day was filled with relaxing and uplifting activities from massage, Pilates, movement classes, and chair exercises to lively Zumba, arts and crafts, and a lovely shared lunch.

A huge thank-you to everyone who joined us and made the day so special. It was a great opportunity to relax, connect, and celebrate well-being together.



Partnership Working – Garden Museum Activities

The Garden Museum has been supporting the Over 50s Group by funding and delivering a range of creative activities. One of the highlights was a delightful perfume-making workshop, where participants designed and blended their own unique scents.

The session was a huge success - fun, hands-on, and wonderfully sensory. Everyone left with a smile (and their very own signature fragrance).

Young Clapham Consortium Summer Highlights



This summer, the Young Clapham Consortium of which CPP is a member, delivered a range of exciting programmes for children and young people — from outdoor adventures and residential trips to essential training for youth practitioners. It's been a season of growth, learning and connection.

Knights Youth Centre

In July and August, Knights Youth Centre ran a five-week summer programme for children aged 8–18, featuring a three-day residential course, day trips like kayaking and paintballing, plus cooking and fitness sessions.

Young people described it as their “best summer ever,” building confidence and friendships along the way.

“I got to try things I'd never done before, like kayaking and climbing. Some were scary, but my friends helped me overcome my fears!”
— GL, age 13

Understanding Knife Crime Training Consortium members also took part in **Understanding Knife Crime** training with the Ben Kinsella Trust, gaining valuable insights and strategies to support young people and keep them safe.

Community Chest



The Community Chest funding programme, has had another very successful year funding projects and activities, for the direct benefit of local residents in Clapham Park. Towards the end of 2025 we funded the Da'aro Youth Project and the Mighty Minds After School Club.

DA'ARO YOUTH PROJECT

This project has been in existence for a number of years, due to the commitment of Sarah Robson the Director, who has shown such passion and commitment to the welfare and development of the young people attending the project. The main aims are to promote the well-being and empowerment of these youngsters, many of whom are from Eritrea, East Africa, and who are seeking sanctuary and asylum in Great Britain. This service helps with accommodation, educational courses and employment. If you are from the Eritrean Community and have young people that would benefit from the project, visit this website: daaroyouth.org.uk

MIGHTY MINDS AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

This project is successful and provides homework support, numeracy and literacy tutoring, reading support, Arts & Crafts and recreational activities. The project has secured some funding to run over the autumn term. If any local residents are interested in the project, please contact CPP details below.

If you are a Community/Voluntary Group that has a passion to develop community activities and projects like these, for the direct benefit of residents in Clapham Park, apply for our Community Chest funding. You will find application forms and funding criteria on CPP's website www.claphamparkproject.org.uk or you can contact the Community Development Officer, Peter Joseph for further details: pjoseph@claphampark.org.uk

**MEET & GREET
SANTA CLAUS AT
AGNES RILEY GARDENS!**

11am - 3pm, Saturday 6th December 2025

Agnes Riley Gardens, Atkins Road SW12 0AH (One O'Clock Club, building opposite the pond)

YOU MUST PRE-BOOK TO SEE SANTA - Tickets £5 - Gift included.

**BOOK VIA EMAIL: anelson@claphampark.org.uk
OR mcalis@claphampark.org.uk
OR TEXT 07831 418611 OR 07557 647783 - Available between 9am - 5pm.**

Extra cost: Cakes, Hot Drinks & Face Painting!

Arts & Crafts FREE of charge!

Friends of AGNES RILEY GARDENS

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**CLAPHAM PARK
WINTER FAIR 2025**

**JOIN US FOR A FUN-FILLED DAY WITH
ACTIVITIES FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!**

SATURDAY 13TH DECEMBER

12.30 - 4.30PM.

THE CUBE, 116 KINGS AVENUE, SW4 8EP

**CELEBRATE THE SEASON AND SHARE YOUR STYLE!
CULTURAL CLOTHES OR A FESTIVE JUMPER WELCOME!**

CONTACT JEANMARC.OKENDE@MTVH.CO.UK

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FREE – Learn how to build/repair a bike

Our Bikes Project empowers young people by teaching them valuable bicycle maintenance and repair skills. Through hands-on experience, each participant refurbishes and upgrades a donated bicycle—transforming it into a ride they can proudly call their own. Alongside technical skills, participants also receive guidance on safe cycling practices, promoting both independence and confidence on the road.

**Age 8-18 years old
Saturday 11am to 1pm**

**There are no costs involved except your time and commitment
BOOKING ESSENTIAL**

You can contact Angela Nelson for more details on 07831 418611 or email her at anelson@claphampark.org.uk

Venue: Clapham Park Project, 1-4 Brixton Hill Place, off Brixton Hill SW2 1HJ

CLAPHAM PARK SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD PANEL

We are encouraging local residents to participate in the local Safer Neighbourhood Panel meetings. The panel meets quarterly and brings together the local police team, ward councillors, housing providers and other stakeholders. It aims to work with the community to maintain safety and set out priorities for the Safer Neighbourhood Police team. The next meeting will be held in the New Year; please contact anelson@claphampark.org.uk for dates/venue and further information. We would encourage anyone who has an interest or a local concern to attend.

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ATTENTION!

**CLAPHAM PARK
RESIDENTS**

Let's Have Our Say!

**THURSDAY
27TH NOVEMBER**

18:30 pm

THE CUBE 116 Kings Avenue SW4 8EP

**HAVE YOU EXPERIENCED ANY OF THE
FOLLOWING:**

- Ongoing repairs or maintenance issues?
- Damp, Mould or poor Cleaning standards?
- Safety, Lighting or Anti-social Behaviour?
- Access problems, Entry Fob issues?
- Poor Communication with and from MTVH?

IF SO, THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO BE HEARD

Come along to:

- ✓ Share Your Experiences and Priorities
- ✓ Meet Neighbours and Local Representatives

HOW YOU CAN HELP?

FOR MORE INFO:
Email: claphamparkresidentstra@gmail.com