



Welcome to Park Life, CPP's quarterly newsletter

As we head into spring, it's lovely to share so much positive activity taking place across our community.

In this edition, you'll find highlights from our Over 50s programme (page 2), alongside inspiring updates from the Young Clapham Consortium and Youth Council (page 3).

We're also pleased to share news from our recent Community Chest projects, where local residents have developed activities with our funding support.

A big thank you to everyone who continues to support and contribute to these initiatives—your involvement makes a real difference.

Watch this space for details of our Summer Fun Day.

Lucy Allison, Chair – Clapham Park Project

Over 50s seaside trip

Over 50's trip to Bognor Regis Seaside

Tuesday 16th June 2026



Trip Details:

- ✓ Meet at The Cube - 7.45am
- ✓ Leaving Bognor Regis at 4.00pm
- ✓ £5 for Over 50s members
- ✓ £10 for non-members

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Over 50's activities



The Over 50s Group celebrated with a festive Christmas Lunch in December. A traditional meal with all the trimmings, provided by a professional catering company, was enjoyed by 35 attendees. Live music added to the cheerful atmosphere, making it a truly memorable occasion.

Thanks to MTVH for their generous £500 contribution towards the event.

Energy Advisers session



In January, Energy Advisers from Age UK Lambeth's Energy Boost programme visited the Over 50s Group, delivering an informative and engaging session. The presentation included plenty of opportunities for questions, along with fun interactive quizzes that everyone enjoyed.

Advisers shared practical tips to help reduce energy costs and tackle fuel poverty and provided useful leaflets and resources for members to take home.

Partnership Working – Garden Museum

The Garden Museum was delighted to support the Over 50s Group by funding and delivering a range of creative activities. One of the highlights was a delightful Citrus & Lavender Scented Bag, 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 Scented bag).



Young Clapham Consortium

Young Clapham Organisational update:

KNIGHTS YOUTH CENTRE:



Knights Youth Centre delivers a range of free weekly sessions for young people across different age groups, providing safe, supportive, and engaging spaces throughout the week:

- Monday – Inters (6–8pm): School Years 8–9
- Wednesday – Girls Session (6–8pm): School Years 4–13
- Thursday – Seniors (6–8pm): School Years 10–13
- Friday – Juniors (6–8pm): School Years 4–7

All sessions are free to attend and include food, ensuring young people have a welcoming and inclusive space where they feel supported.

Throughout the sessions, young people can take part in a variety of activities such as sports, baking, and music sessions, helping them to build confidence, develop new skills, and have fun with their peers.

THE HEBE FOUNDATION:



The Hebe Foundation, with Peckham Baptist Church, is taking 14 young people (11–18) to Avon Tyrell for a weekend of outdoor activities and team-building.

The trip will help them try new things, build friendships, and grow in confidence. Hebe is also launching the next stage of Finishing School – Next Chapter. In partnership with iMGP, young people will co-create practical videos with industry professionals to help their peers prepare for interviews, build CVs, and navigate starting their first job.

YOUNG CLAPHAM YOUTH COUNCIL:

We invited all organisations involved in the Youth Council to nominate up to three members to attend the first Young Clapham Youth Council meeting at Clapham Youth Centre. This was an exciting opportunity to bring together young people from across different organisations, creating a space for new connections, shared experiences, and collaboration.

During the session, young people took part in an icebreaker activity, helping them to get to know one another and build confidence within the group. They then had the opportunity to share their thoughts, ideas, and expectations for the Youth Council, discussing what they would like to gain from the experience and how they want to shape its direction.

Together, the group also created a shared agreement, setting out how they would work with one another respectfully and collaboratively throughout the journey. This process helped to establish a strong foundation of trust, understanding, and accountability within the group.

Overall, this first session marked a positive and inspiring start to the Young Clapham Youth Council's journey, with young people already showing enthusiasm, leadership, and a clear passion for making a difference in their community.

YOUNG CLAPHAM YOUTH COUNCIL TRIP TO GRAVITY:



The Youth Council recently came together for an exciting trip to Gravity, bringing young people and staff from Knights, Oasis, and Clapham Youth Centre.

The session started at 5:30pm with bowling, where the group enjoyed friendly competition, laughter, and a chance to connect in a relaxed setting. Afterwards, everyone shared food—burgers, chips, and pizza—creating more time for conversation, with plenty of photos capturing the evening.

The trip offered a fun midweek activity while strengthening relationships between young people, staff, and partner organisations. Overall, it was a great evening, and we're already looking forward to the next adventure—canoeing on the River Wey.

Community Chest projects

Project 1:

CLAPHAM PARK RESIDENT'S ASSOCIATION CLAPHAM PARK

The RA is being developed so that there is a collective voice shared by many who want, and need their housing issues addressed. There are of course other issues that will undoubtedly present themselves at future meetings of the RA. If you would like to attend the next meeting please contact the claphamparkresidentstra@gmail.com

have access to a communal kitchen, where meals can be prepared this safe haven offers respite for the children and parents, and frees them from isolation.

To apply for funding up to £1000, for your projects and activities, go to our website [Here](http://www.claphampark.org.uk) you will find application forms, funding criteria, etc. www.claphampark.org.uk or contact the Community Development Officer pjoseph@claphampark.org.uk

Project 2:

THE WELCOME PROJECT

Julia Mcgerty is one of the joint founders of this project, that provides expertise in English Language and Literacy Teaching, including ESOL and migrant learning family learning and teacher education. Julie, along with volunteers works with refugees and asylum seekers, who are vulnerable many live in hotels and temporary accommodation. They



Bikes project

FREE BIKE BUILDING & REPAIR SESSIONS

Our Bikes Project helps young people learn valuable bicycle maintenance and repair skills in a fun, hands-on way. Participants refurbish and upgrade a donated bike creating something they can proudly call their own. They'll also learn essential road safety skills, building confidence and independence.

Ages: 8–18 **When:** Saturdays, 11am–1pm **Cost:** Free (just 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

Help us shape sports activities in YOUR community

We've received funding from Sport England to deliver sports activities for our local community—and we want your input!

Scan the QR code to tell us what sports you enjoy, what you'd like to see more of, and how we can make activities accessible for everyone. Your feedback will help shape sessions that truly reflect what our community wants.



Agnes Riley Gardens

Spring has truly arrived in Agnes Riley Gardens, bringing a burst of colour and life! Blossoms fill the trees, winter-planted bulbs are blooming, and fruit trees in the orchard are coming into bud. Shrubs like forsythia, Japanese quince, and flowering currant are shining, while wildflowers such as red dead nettle, shepherd's purse, and celandine appear in the quieter corners. These early blooms are vital for wildlife. Queen bumblebees, the only members of their colonies to survive winter, rely on them for nectar as they emerge and regain strength to start the next generation. We've already spotted a queen feeding on Chinese berberis a lovely sign of the season in action. Look out for the newly planted hedge along the raingarden by the playground. Though small now, it will grow into a thriving habitat for birds and insects, with hawthorn and blackthorn providing blossom and shelter in the seasons to come.

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CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Want to help make Agnes Riley Gardens an even more vibrant place. We're looking for volunteers no green fingers required! There are lots of ways to get involved, such as:

- Maintaining the paddling pool and helping keep it open during summer
- Joining or coordinating volunteers to care for the nature pond
- Assisting with community consultations
- Helping manage the Friends' social media profile

...and much more!

If you're interested, email us at friends@agnesrileygardens.org.uk.

Diary

Saturday 1st August 2026 CLAPHAM PARK FUN DAY

Join us for a fun-filled day for the whole community! Expect activities, entertainment, and a great opportunity to come together and celebrate.

Thursday 25th June, 6:30pm CLAPHAM PARK WARD SNP MEETING

Have your say and stay informed about what's happening locally. Come along to The Cube Community Centre, 116 Kings Avenue, SW4 8EP, and be part of the conversation.