



## NOTICE of AGM

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2014**

The 16th Annual General Meeting of the Friends of Carnegie Library will be held in the Gallery at Carnegie Library, 188 Herne Hill Road, London SE24 0AG on Thursday 20th March 2014. This AGM is particularly important. Pressure on budgets, and the prospect of transferring the building to the community provided sufficient income can be generated to sustain it, present big challenges. Proposals now being developed by the Project Group for consultation will, if the community hub project goes ahead, significantly affect the accommodation of our library within the building. A clear, strong voice from the Friends is needed to protect the library and its role at the heart of a community hub which truly reflects what the community wants.

**Doors open from 6.30pm** and the formal business of the meeting will commence at 7.00pm. The quorum for the AGM is 15 members, but it is essential for as many members as possible to attend. The agenda will be provided at the meeting. Your annual membership is due for renewal in March, unless you joined for the first time at or after the 2013 Winter Fair. A form is enclosed with this newsletter or you can get one at the AGM. Please bring a cheque or cash if you haven't already renewed. Alternatively you can renew on our website. Thank you.

The Constitution calls for the four officers and up to eight other committee members to be elected at the AGM, with the possibility of two further co-options during the year. There are currently only nine of us, including one officer co-opted halfway through the year. Though we have facilitated many enjoyable and successful events, and represented you (our members) at various meetings and working groups, we could have used more help. Many hands make light work.

**New committee members needed.** If you are interested in the library and want to help ensure its future, do consider joining us (see separate article below). Nomination forms for election, either as an officer or as an ordinary committee member, can be collected beforehand from the Friends' Red Tray in the library, or on the night. If committee meetings are not for you, there are other ways you can assist and we keep a register of supporters.

The AGM is our main opportunity for members to gather to celebrate our achievements, to form and confirm policy and to decide the programme for the coming year. Do join us for wine and snacks from 6.30. The meeting will start at 7pm sharp. Be there and have your say.

*Jeff Doorn, Chair*

## Space for Hire at Carnegie Library



Space is available to hire at the Library. If you need a space, whether for a small meeting or for a larger activity or event, for terms and conditions contact Library Services Manager Caroline Mackie, either at the library (see back page for details) or by email to [cmackie@lambeth.gov.uk](mailto:cmackie@lambeth.gov.uk)

## Join the FOCL Committee

2014 - 2015 is going to be a very interesting time at Carnegie Library. As the process of turning the building into a community hub continues, The Friends of Carnegie Library (FOCL) continue to work to raise the profile of the Library within the local area, Lambeth Council and beyond.

All this takes work, and we are always looking for new recruits to join the committee. The basic commitment you make is to attend a meeting on the second Monday of each month (except August) from 7 - 9 pm. Tea, coffee and biscuits are regular attendees as well. It is a chance for us to share information, get updates on the progress of changes to the library and agree future policies and events.

The basic committee consists of the following: Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary together with up to eight other members. The main committee covers the roles of Membership Secretary, Newsletter Editor, Publicity and Communications, and there is an Events subcommittee which co-ordinates our marvellous Winter Fair, the regular tea days and the various other events (such as London Open House) throughout the year. Now that we have a website, facebook and twitter presence there are roles in the digital arena too. So there is something for everyone and never a dull moment. We don't always agree but are united in our desire to keep Carnegie Library as the wonderful community resource that it was intended to be.

Please do consider standing. You can leave your nomination as late as the day of our AGM, but if you'd like to chat to an existing member beforehand please do get in touch with Eleanor at [foclvicechair@gmail.com](mailto:foclvicechair@gmail.com) or Frances at [frances.lamb@btinternet.com](mailto:frances.lamb@btinternet.com)



*FoCL committee in action*

*Eleanor Mitchiner*

## Carnegie Library community hub

### Consultation coming soon...your views wanted

The Friends are a key member of the Project Group, which aims to keep the building in the public domain, and in use as a community asset. The PG is working on a business plan that includes some commercially rented spaces in the building, to generate vital income to cover its upkeep, while retaining the library, plus some space for community activities. The PG expects shortly to receive two reports from firms who were briefed last autumn: (1) a Conservation Plan, which will indicate the limits of what changes might be made; and (2) an Options Appraisal, showing alternative possibilities for the site (it will also mention any options ruled out). The next step is **public consultation**, with full display of alternatives, and plenty of opportunity for everyone to meet and question the professionals, and to discuss the whole proposal. The reports themselves will be available, in the Library and online.

Questions are welcome at any time – please contact the PG secretary:

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Hon Secretary  
Carnegie Project Group  
86 Fawnbrake Avenue  
Herne Hill  
London SE24 0BZ  
email: [ftaggart70@btinternet.com](mailto:ftaggart70@btinternet.com)

*Frances Lamb*

## RECENT EVENTS



### Winter Fair: Andrew's Scottish Follies

The Friends' popular Winter Fair was held on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2013. Much thought went into the theme and title, after Ceres Dandridge, our marvellous 'creative director' for the past decade, had to stand down for health reasons. In the end, the date provided inspiration. 30<sup>th</sup> November being St Andrew's Day we decided to give the Fair a Scottish theme, in honour of our benefactor Andrew Carnegie. The royal blue and white of St Andrew's cross (the Scottish flag or Saltire) were used around the library, in bunting and balloons. The flag also made a simple but effective poster.



The coming of Christmas was also marked, by a lovely big Christmas tree – a ten foot Nordmann fir supplied (at a very generous discount) by Dulwich Pot & Plant Garden, Red Post Hill. Our thanks to Anna and Steve. The Fair buzzed with activity right from the start. The usual stall holders were present, plus newcomers from Herne Hill Sunday Market. All stalls did well – notably the Friends' refreshments – resulting in a record take for the Friends of just over £1,100. The trading stalls contributed £150 to that total. Several traders expressed a wish to return and we shall be happy to see them; although if stalls are oversubscribed, the aim must be to have as much variety as possible. Our VIP this time was the Mayor of Lambeth, Councillor Mark Bennett, who drew the Raffle as well as taking time to tour the rooms and meet people. We were also very pleased that Susanna Barnes, head of libraries, found time to drop by and see the library thronged by locals (including some trying to use the normal service!) Thanks to both Mark and Sue.

The Fair was voted one of our best ever. Lead organiser was Sue Beynon, who stepped in to run the Events sub-committee. Sue, Bob Goodrick and Jackie Plumridge, did a splendid job. Following our request letter, new volunteers were recruited to help on the day, which undoubtedly helped the event run smoothly.

Raffle prizes were kindly donated by – *Bacchus Wines, The Cambria Pub, Community Circuits, Eos Dance School, Dee Dee's Jazz Bar, Dulwich Pot & Plant Garden, Louise Taylor Flowers, Maddalena Amato (cake), Thorntons, Walters Butcher, Waterstones.* Our thanks to all.

Many thanks also to...

The Library team – Caroline, Anto, Alison, Lael and Paulette.

Edward Ochagavia (Father Christmas).

Bob Goodrick for providing the Tombola prizes.

Brenda Jones & all her marvellous cake bakers and other food providers.

Jackie Plumridge & all refreshment stall volunteers.

Liz Ochagavia & all Crafts volunteers.

Pam Mico (cake for 'guess the weight'). The winner who guessed 6lbs 15ozs was Hazel Watson.

Maddalena Amato & Marie Plumridge (Raffle organisers).

Natalie and her daughter for helping to put helium in over 100 blue and white balloons.

Bimal Patelia of Crossthwaite Avenue Post Office, who donated (new) toys for our bricabrac stall.

All other helpers & volunteers!

*Bob Goodrick, Events sub-committee*



### Friends' Christmas Party

A very enjoyable evening was had on Monday 16 December 2013 with an informal 'promenade recital' of seasonal songs by **London SINGS!** And carols with audience participation. Mulled wine and mince pies were served to celebrate our achievements over the past year and to thank our members, volunteers and supporters.

## CARNEGIE LIBRARY FORTHCOMING EVENTS, etc.

(see also back page, for regular events, and for opening hours)



### FEBRUARY

**LGBT history month** (every February) is an opportunity for all of us to learn more about the histories of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people in Britain. Drop in to the library to see the range of books and information we have.



#### **National Libraries Day**

Childrens' craft materials throughout the day.

2.30pm. Short reading by children's author Tamala Ceasar ('Spaghetti & Cheese Please!')

Tea, coffee and biscuits 11am to 3pm

**Saturday 8th February** <http://www.nationallibrariesday.org.uk/>



**A Musical Adventure.** Presented by the Dionysus Ensemble.



Children's concert, introducing the instruments with bite-sized music. Plenty of chances to get up, join in and dance.

Sponsored by Lambeth Libraries, South London Music and Petermans.

**Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> February.**

2pm for children aged 0-2. £2.00 per child, adults free.

3pm for children aged 2-8. £3.00 per child, adults free.

Booking essential. Call the library on 020 7926 6050.

### MARCH

#### **Born in the NHS.**

Reading and short play, followed by debate about the NHS, led by the authors. In the main Library.

**Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> March,** 2.30 - 4.00pm. Refreshments.

**Friends of Carnegie Library AGM. Thursday 20th March,** 7pm.

Please see front page notice. Doors open at 6.30pm. Free wine & nibbles.

## **ANNIVERSARIES in 2014**



This year will see major commemorations of the start of World War I in August 1914. Why not borrow some books on aspects of the history of that conflict. There are also several literary birthdays to note, particularly Marlowe and Shakespeare (1564), Sheridan Le Fanu and Aubrey Thomas De Vere (1814), William Burroughs, Marguerite Duras, Laurie Lee, Dylan Thomas, Patrick O'Brian and Bernard Malamud (1914).

The Marquis de Sade died in 1814. Ambrose Bierce disappeared, presumed dead in 1914; and Alain Fournier was killed in action that year. Other deaths to note: Nathaniel Hawthorne and John Clare (1864), Brendon Behan, Rachel Carson, Ian Fleming and T H White (1964).

Birthdays of notable people in other fields include Galileo (1564), Richard Strauss (1864) and Sir Alec Guinness (1914). Charlemagne died in 814 and El Greco in 1614.

Make a point of seeking books and/or recordings and films by and about these notable people; remember them and be inspired by their lives.

*Jeff Doorn*

## EXHIBITION IN THE GALLERY



FEBRUARY

**Aigana Galli.** Exhibition continues. [www.aigana.com](http://www.aigana.com)

*Enquiries about use of the Gallery to library services manager Caroline Mackie*



## LOCAL EVENTS



**Herne Hill Society monthly meeting**  
[www.hernehillsociety.org.uk](http://www.hernehillsociety.org.uk)

**Wednesday 12 February, 7.45pm.** Everyone welcome. Free of charge. Refreshments.

### Lambeth Libraries



An illustrated talk by the Secretary of the Twentieth Century Society covering the history and architecture of the borough's libraries, including Herne Hill's Grade II-listed gem, the **Carnegie**.

**\*\*At Herne Hill United Church Hall\*\*** Herne Hill (junction with Red Post Hill)



### Music for Haiti



**Chamber Music Concert**  
**Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2014**

7.00 pm, St Faith's Church,  
North Dulwich SE24 9JQ

In support of music education at *École Saint Vincent*,  
an Anglican church school for blind and disabled  
children in Port-au-Prince, Haiti

Featuring children's / youth and adult ensembles  
and music by Vivaldi, Dvorak, Joplin, Bridge,  
Mozart, Milhaud, Brahms and more.



Presentation of the first  
violin and donation to  
*École Saint Vincent*



Chamber music  
at *École Saint Vincent*



A blind 'violinist'

Our support will bring great benefits to the school and to  
Haitian musical life more generally.

**Mèsi anpil** – Creole for thank you!

Children performing will include the **Jessop violinists**  
as well as groups from JAGS, Allyn's and the West  
Norwood String Quartet. Admission free. Collection.

## FRIENDS OF RUSKIN PARK

# PHOTO- GRAPHY COMPETITION

2014

**THEME: RUSKIN PARK PORTRAITS**

FIRST PRIZE £50 · SECOND PRIZE £25 · THIRD PRIZE £10

UNDER 16'S PRIZE: A COMPACT DIGITAL CAMERA

EXHIBITION AT THE CARNEGIE LIBRARY JULY 2014

FULL DETAILS AND ENTRY FORMS AVAILABLE AT:  
THE CARNEGIE LIBRARY, HERNE HILL ROAD, SE24 0AG  
OR ONLINE AT: [WWW.FRIENDSRUSKINPARK.ORG.UK](http://WWW.FRIENDSRUSKINPARK.ORG.UK)

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## REGULAR EVENTS at CARNEGIE

First Saturday of the month, 2.30 – 3.30pm  
**Councillor Carol Boucher's** surgery.  
Tel 07814 567914 email [cboucher@lambeth.gov.uk](mailto:cboucher@lambeth.gov.uk)

First Saturday of the month, 2 - 4pm:  
**Gardening G&T** (gardening and tea!). Do some gardening and follow with free tea and cake.

First Saturday of the month, 2.30 - 4.30pm  
**Friends Tea Stall.**  
Tea, coffee, soft drinks and delicious home-made cakes.

First Monday of the month, 7 - 8.30pm  
**Book Group** at Carnegie Library.  
Collect the current book from the desk. For more information about the Club please speak to Caroline.

First and third Wednesday of the month, 10am - 12noon  
**Silver Surfers.** Introduction to the internet.

Every Monday and Wednesday **volunteers needed.**  
**Ruskin Readers.** One-to-one literacy tuition for adults  
Monday evenings, 7 – 9pm  
Wednesday afternoons, 2.30 – 4.30pm  
Contact Caroline Knapp on 020 7274 2443 or email her at [ruskinreaders@gmail.com](mailto:ruskinreaders@gmail.com)

Every Wednesday, 10.30 – 12 noon  
**Book at Breakfast.** Get into reading – gives you a place to relax, a chance to make new friends and a new way to share reading. You don't have to read anything. You can simply drop in, and enjoy listening.

Every Friday, 10.30am - noon  
**Story time for under-5s.** Children's Library.  
Rhymes, stories and crafts.

Every Saturday, 12 – 2.00pm  
**Carnegie Craft Circle**  
Beginners welcome – just turn up.  
Knitting, sewing, tea, coffee and chat.

Every Saturday, 2.45 - 5pm  
**Chess Club** – Carnegie Library Gallery.  
For experienced or novice players of any age.  
Free entry and tuition. Email: [foclmembers@gmail.com](mailto:foclmembers@gmail.com)



Boxing hares

## VISIT THE LIBRARY!



### Use it or Lose it

188 Herne Hill Road, Herne Hill SE24 OAG

Telephone: 020 7926 6050

email: [carnegielibrary@lambeth.gov.uk](mailto:carnegielibrary@lambeth.gov.uk)

twitter: @librarycarnegie

website:

<http://www.lambeth.gov.uk/Services/LeisureCulture/Libraries/LocalLibraries/>

### OPENING HOURS:

Mon	1pm-8pm
Wed	10am-6pm
Fri	10am-6pm
Sat	9am-5pm

### BOOK ORDERING SERVICE

If the book you want is not on the shelf, use the ordering service in the library or via <http://libraries.lambeth.gov.uk/TalisPrism/>

### DVDs, CDs and TAPES

The Carnegie stocks a good range of talking books, language courses etc. Also films to rent.

### INTERNET Free WI-FI

Don't forget that the Carnegie has free internet access. And now Wi-Fi, using your library card and pin number.

### THE GALLERY SPACE

To book the space, see library staff.

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### Friends of Carnegie Library:

**NEW!**

**Website:** <http://friendsofcarnegielibrary.org.uk/>

To contact the Friends, please either -  
Drop a note into the Friends' Red Post Tray in the library;  
Or email [foclchair@gmail.com](mailto:foclchair@gmail.com) ;  
Or telephone 020 7274 3176.

Membership: [foclmembers@gmail.com](mailto:foclmembers@gmail.com)

Twitter: [@frndsofcarnegie](https://twitter.com/frndsofcarnegie)

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/FriendsOfCarnegieLibrary>

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