



AGM REPORT

The fifteenth Annual General Meeting of Friends of Carnegie Library was held on 21 March, World Poetry Day. We began with an update on the continuing consultation on library service and future development as part of the community hub exercise.

Quarterly meetings with Carnegie management have been productive. The swing doors from the main library to the stairs and lift have been refurbished, the lift repaired and the boiler replaced. Progress has been made on a system for planned maintenance, and on finalising an agreed project for use of a long outstanding Section 106 allocation. Stock is rebuilding and service overall has improved tremendously thanks to our brilliant Library Services Manager Caroline Mackie and her team.

Our Events team of Ceres, Jackie and Bob had organised a successful programme in 2012/13, assisted by members who helped run craft sessions; thanks also to our wonderful cake bakers, tea stall servers and garden volunteers. As the accounts show, the Friends are in a healthy financial position.

Committee Election. Ceres Dandridge has retired as Secretary for health reasons; we thank her and wish her well. Unfortunately, no one came forward to stand in her place. Marco Hall-Sanchez also stepped down, leaving a vacancy for a youth representative/link. The newly elected committee is:

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| Chair | Jeffrey Doorn | foclchair@gmail.com |
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| Secretary | (Vacancy) | |
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| | Carol Boucher | |
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| | Elizabeth Ochagavia (Membership Sec & Garden) | foclmembers@gmail.com |
| | Jackie Plumridge (Events) | |

The Constitution allows for two co-options during the year; members willing to consider joining the committee should please let us know. Meetings are monthly. Non-committee members are also welcome to help with events or any other aspect of our work.

The Future. In these difficult times, with 200 libraries closing countrywide, we have remained open and active. However, while the Carnegie may not face outright closure, we have been hardest hit in budget reduction, suffering a disproportionate cut of 50%. As part of a Project Group, we are working to open up the library, especially currently non-public rooms and out of hours for wider community use and compatible commercial use to help with running costs. The Friends want trusted key-holder status and training so we can gain access when required to facilitate bookings. We have opened new bank accounts including one for bookings to ensure income generated is ring-fenced for our library as promised in the cooperative libraries & community hubs proposals adopted in 2011. AGM attendees discussed ideas for appropriate wider use of the building; suggestions included music lessons, practice space and performances; film club and film location; artist spaces plus workshops. Further suggestions are welcome, as are offers to run sessions or hire space to link with and support the library. It is essential not to be complacent or leave it to others. If we do not get it right we may be faced with creeping closure and loss of our one community gathering place. Please ensure you have renewed your membership (of both the library and the Friends) and encourage others to join. With your help we will continue to have a dynamic and flourishing public library.

Jeffrey Doorn

Foodbank collection point coming to the Carnegie



Every day people in the UK go hungry. Their numbers are rising daily and, with the prolonged economic downturn, likely to continue to do so.

Norwood & Brixton foodbank provides three days of emergency food to men, women and children in crisis. Their model is simple. People donate non-perishable goods. Volunteers sort and pack these into emergency food boxes. Frontline care professionals such as doctors, social workers or health visitors identify a need and provide vouchers. Vouchers are taken to the distribution point and exchanged for food. At the distribution point, volunteers are on hand to listen to those in crisis and signpost them to additional support.

It is worrying that in 21st century Britain such a service is needed, but it is and demand is growing. You can help by buying a couple of extra things at the shops each week and putting them in the foodbank collection box which will be arriving at the library in the next few weeks. It will be available whenever the library is open, and situated near the issue desk.

Please think about the foodbank when you go to the shops and just drop in your goods when you come in to use the computer, renew a book or enjoy the Friends' monthly tea & cake stall. The foodbank is currently OK for pasta, tea and baked beans, but in great need of anything on the following list.

Shopping List

Milk (UHT all sizes), Sugar (500g/1kg), Instant Coffee
Rice pudding or Instant puddings like angel delight/jelly
Instant or long-life custard
Tinned tomatoes, Instant/tinned potatoes
Tinned vegetables – mushrooms, spinach, green beans, pulses
Tinned fish/ meat
Nappies – all sizes
Toilet rolls, Shampoo, Shower gel, Toothpaste

Thank you.

Eleanor Mitchiner



For more information on the work of foodbanks visit-
<http://www.trusselltrust.org/foodbank-projects>

CARNEGIE LIBRARY FORTHCOMING EVENTS, etc

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

MAY – JUNE

The Lambeth Readers and Writers Festival 2013

For the full programme of events see posters in the Library or go to -

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

London in Literature. *Londonostalgia?*

What does recent writing on London tell us about the citizens and the city today?

Join **James Heartfield**, historian and journalist

Free wine and nibbles. Donations to the Friends welcome.

Tuesday 28th May, 7 pm at Carnegie Library.

EXHIBITIONS IN THE GALLERY



MAY – **Free Spirit Arts**. An exhibition of paintings by **Desilu Banton**. 07961 033196.
Until the end of May.

JUNE - **Past into Present**. An exhibition of works by **Virginia Burdon**.
From 3rd to 29th June. www.virginiaburdon.co.uk

JULY – **The Handkerchief Tree** (*Davidia involucrata*). An exhibition of photographs from this year's Friends of Ruskin Park Photography Exhibition. See also separate item.



Carnegie Library Chess Club



**Do you play Chess?
Would you like to learn?**

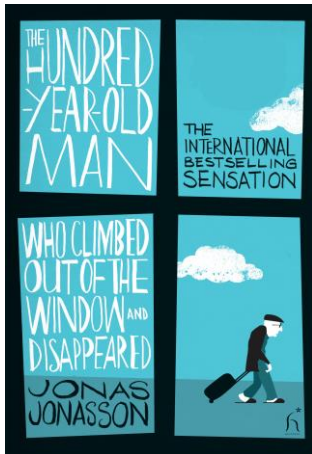
Join us every Saturday 2.45 - 5pm

Players of all levels and ages welcome

Contact Edward - foclmembers@gmail.com

Caroline Mackie

CARNEGIE LIBRARY BOOK GROUP
Monday 3rd June 2013 at 7pm



The book for June is *The Hundred-Year-Old Man Who Climbed Out of the Window and Disappeared* by Jonas Jonasson; about the adventures of a centenarian who escapes from a home, it has been translated into some 35 languages. Collect a copy from the desk.

Caroline Mackie

CARNEGIE POETRY GROUP
Every Monday 1— 2:30pm

Come along and join our weekly Poetry Group at Carnegie Library
188 Herne Hill Road

Poetry

Drop in for a cup of tea/coffee
Relax and make new friends. An opportunity to share reading and join in discussions in a friendly group.

There's no pressure to talk or read, you can just enjoy listening to poetry which will be read aloud each week

Any budding Poets are welcome to bring their own pieces of writing!

Caroline Mackie

CARNEGIE CRAFT CIRCLE

Every Saturday 12 - 2pm.

Come and Share



**Knitting, Crochet, Sewing,
Needlework, Lace, etc.**

All welcome, from beginners to experts.

No charge.

Caroline Mackie

FRIENDS OF CARNEGIE LIBRARY
Gardening & Tea Afternoons
First Saturday of each month.

Gardening.
No experience needed
2 - 4.30pm

Free Tea & Cake for participants.



Tea & Coffee Stall

Delicious Home-made
Cakes
2.30 - 4.30pm

More bakers always wanted!
Contact Brenda on 7771 1409 or
brenjon@hotmail.com



JESSOP YOUNG VIOLINISTS



...performed again for us on Monday 13th May. The audience was delighted. Many thanks to the young violinists; and to Jessop and library staff for arranging the visit.

Jessop Primary School is a partner in the Bridge Project, a music initiative funded by the charity **Londonmusicmasters** to allow more children to learn to play and enjoy classical music. <http://www.londonmusicmasters.org/>

The Friends of Ruskin Park Photography Competition

A competition to use photography in any way you see fit to make an image of The Handkerchief Tree in Ruskin Park.

First prize £50 Second prize £25

The closing date is **Friday 28th June**

For an entry form and conditions see - <http://friendsruskinpark.org.uk/photography-competition/>

Or pick up an entry form at the Library.

Exhibition. Following the competition photographs will be hung in the Gallery at Carnegie Library throughout July.

The Handkerchief Tree

Davidia involucrata



The tree is to the west of the stable block, and usually flowers in May.



LOCAL EVENTS

Herne Hill Society www.hernehillsociety.org.uk

Meetings are usually held on the second Wednesday of each month at Herne Hill United Church Hall, Herne Hill (junction with Red Post Hill), London SE24 9PW. Admission is free and everyone is welcome, including non-members.

We start promptly at 7:45pm (doors open at 7:30pm).

Meetings last about 2 hours, including a refreshment break

Wednesday 12 June, 7:45pm

Brixton Windmill's Flour Power Future. By Jean Kerrigan. The history of the mill and its successful restoration, and the plans to produce flour regularly before the 200th anniversary in 2016.

Regular events at Carnegie Library:

First Saturday of the month, 2.30 – 3.30pm:

Councillor Carol Boucher's surgery.

Tel 07814 567914 email cboucher@lambeth.gov.uk

First Saturday of the month, 2 - 4pm:

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 Book 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

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 to a good story or poem.

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

VISIT THE LIBRARY! **FREE WI-FI!**



Don't forget 'Use it or Lose it'

188 Herne Hill Road, Herne Hill SE24 OAG

Telephone: 020 7926 6050

Email: carnegielibrary@lambeth.gov.uk

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 & music CDs 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.

So bring your laptop...

INFORMATION AND EVENTS

Browse through the leaflets in the entrance hall and look out for useful information on the notice boards.

THE GALLERY SPACE

To book the space, see library staff.

Opinions expressed in this newsletter are those of the authors or quoted sources and not necessarily those of the Friends' committee.

Contributions to the newsletter are always welcome.

Send your letter, article or information to the editor at 6 Sunray Avenue, SE24 9PY.

Or email it to foclnewsletter@gmail.com Thank you.

Friends of Carnegie Library:

To contact the Friends, please either drop a note in the Friends' Red Post Tray in the library, or email foclchair@gmail.com or telephone 020 7274 3176.

Membership queries: : foclmembers@gmail.com

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