



Friends of Carnegie Library present



A Winter Fair

Saturday 30th November 2013 11am to 3pm

Free children's crafts

Raffle

Cake – guess the weight

Real Xmas tree

Local & gift stalls

Tombola

Father Christmas

Home-made refreshments



Andrew Carnegie's Scottish Follies



Carnegie Library,
188 Herne Hill Road, SE24

ALL THE USUAL
LIBRARY SERVICES
AVAILABLE 9.00-5.00





WE'RE ONLINE! THE FRIENDS HAVE A WEBSITE

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

At last we have our own website, created for us by new Friend Adam Pope, who has also agreed to be the site administrator. Luckily for us, Adam's day job is running a large global website. However maintaining even a small website is a lot of work. Very many thanks to Adam from the Committee, and on behalf of all members.

Do visit the site for a browse. Apart from news postings on the home page, the two main information pages are **Events** (includes regular events and clubs) and **Services** (includes catalogue, online book renewal/reservation etc.) You can search the Lambeth Libraries catalogue, either straight from the home page (right side) or under Services.

Before long we shall have online joining and membership renewal. Please note, however – we shall not be abandoning good old pen and paper! There will always be a paper membership form and newsletter for those who want them. And anyone can contact the Friends committee by dropping a note into the Friends' post tray (or by telephone).

Frances Lamb

CARNEGIE LIBRARY COMMUNITY HUB PROJECT

The Friends are a member of the community hub Project Group. The PG is working with Lambeth towards a mutual goal of a viable (self-sufficient) community hub that retains the library at its core, but also generates vital revenue to cover upkeep of the building. All going well, the building will be transferred from Lambeth to a new community entity, probably a charitable trust, at some future date. The PG continues to gather contacts with tenants and residents groups, housing associations, local interest groups and individuals who have expressed interest.

Currently under way is the important stage of an Options Appraisal by architects and other relevant professionals of the entire building. This is no-holds-barred study of what is possible and what is practicable. The outcome of the appraisal will be a set of different Options for everyone to consider and discuss, during a period of consultation next year. The Options Appraisal Brief is on Lambeth's website. You can access it from this page or see a copy in the Library -

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

Meanwhile all views are most welcome. Please contact:

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Frances Lamb

RECENT EVENTS

Bat walk in Ruskin Park

Bat fun day on Saturday 3 August ended with a crowd of around 60 adults and children gathering for a bat walk, led by Dr Iain Boulton, Lambeth parks and ecology officer. Iain explained why bats only emerge just before dawn and at dusk (birds gone, so insects available), and told us the sounds to listen for on the bat detectors. On cue, those noises began to emanate from the little black boxes. People with good eyesight spotted around a dozen of the furry creatures flying, mostly across the ponds, where insects were plentiful. Both Common and Soprano Pipistrelles were seen. A very enjoyable evening, in the park 'after hours'.

Warm thanks to Iain (who had come straight from running an all-day fishing event at Clapham).



<http://www.bats.org.uk/>

Doctor Bike



Cyclists of all ages turned up for a bike check, and some basic instruction on bike maintenance, in the library garden on Saturday 28 August. Some later went for bike ride in the park on what was a lovely day.

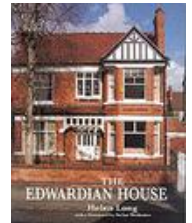
The instructors were from Cycle Training UK and the day was funded by local housing association L&Q. Thanks to all the instructors, and to L&Q, in particular Laura Wirtz, L&Q community investment officer.

Refreshments were provided by the Friends.

Tracing the history of your Herne Hill house *A Lambeth Heritage Festival talk.*

It was standing room only when over 100 turned up for this talk on 4 September by Alan Piper of The Brixton Society and Len Reilly of Lambeth Archives. With plenty of slides, they told the story of Herne Hill's development as a suburb, and took questions. Wine and nibbles were provided by the Friends.

If you would like to learn more about the 'middle class' housing built following the coming of the railways in the late Victorian and Edwardian era, Herne Hill is one of the areas chosen by author Helen C. Long to illustrate her book *The Edwardian House: the middle class home in Britain 1880-1914*. With many photographs, including details of doors and windows, etc., it can be borrowed from Carnegie Library.



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Open House London 2013



This year's Open House festival took place on 21 and 22 September. Carnegie Library broke new ground by taking part on both days for the first time, thanks to our library manager Caroline Mackie and her deputy Anto Anandarajah agreeing to work on Sunday. Helped by fine weather, the weekend was a great success with around 200 visitors (over 100 signed the visitors' book – all comments favourable). Some locals admitted they had been unaware of this 'jewel in their midst'. Tours of the building, including behind the scenes, ran all day. Despite the guidebook saying 'last tour 4pm' even those who turned up at 5pm were shown round, thanks to our patient library staff.

Refreshments at the Friends' tea stall were free; however donations came to £140.

Poetry with Southwark Stanza

To celebrate Poetry Day (3rd October), the Friends on Saturday 5th hosted an hour of poetry about our great city of London, interwoven with themes of water. A variety of readings was performed by Southwark Stanza, the Southwark branch of the Poetry Society, and was greatly enjoyed. Another reminder of how suitable Carnegie Library is for small friendly events of this kind. More please! Refreshments by the Friends.



Lambeth Caribbean family history surgery *A Black History Month event on 5 October.*



Mr S. I. Martin is one of the UK's foremost researchers specialising in the experience of Britain's black communities. Steve answered questions on a one-to-one basis on family history, gave advice on starting a family tree, and talked about the collections that will be available at the BCA.

The new **Black Cultural Archives** will be opening at Windrush Square in Brixton in 2014. Its location in the heart of Lambeth gives special acknowledgement to the individuals and families who came to Lambeth seeking a better life and to contribute to the economy of Britain.

<http://www.bcaheritage.org.uk/about/heritage-centre/>

Calton String Quartet Saturday 12th October *Herne Hill Music Festival 2013.*

The popular Herne Hill quartet returned to give a free performance of a variety of pieces both classical (Beethoven, Brahms) and modern (Frank Bridge). They finished with the well-known Brazilian tune 'tico tico'. There was a good turnout and the audience was delighted.



Refreshments were provided by the Friends.



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

at the Library unless otherwise indicated
(see also back page, for regular events, and for opening hours)



OCTOBER

Rosie & Rodney's holiday carnival.



Rosie and Rodney have no school today and grandma suggests they have a carnival. A puppet show for the under 5s with Professor Patel.

Friday 25 October, 10.30am.

Halloween Arts & Crafts

Wednesday 30 October, 2pm. All ages welcome.



NOVEMBER

A Musical Adventure. Presented by the Dionysus Ensemble.

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

Sponsored by South London Music and Petermans.

Friday, 1 November, 11am. Children ages 0 -8, £2.50. Adults free.
Booking essential. Call the library on 020 7926 6050.



The Journey of Gospel Music



Aimed at young people (adults welcome).

Music industry and history consultant **Kwaku** provides an audio-visual and interactive presentation which tells the journey of gospel music from America to Britain, and London in particular. Join us, as we explore the meaning of gospel music. Find out about how it started, some of the early pioneers who introduced the music to Britain.

Friday 1 November, 2.30 - 3.30pm

Friends' Winter Fair 2013

The theme this year is Scottish, as the Fair is on St Andrew's Day and our benefactor Andrew Carnegie was a proud Scot. For information about the Fair see the front cover of this issue. Please feel free to wear tartan, or another Scottish emblem.

Saturday 30 November, 11am to 3pm.



Bric-a-brac wanted for the Friends' stall please. Items in good, clean and unbroken, condition are very welcome (but please no huge things, or clothes or soft toys). Have a pre-Christmas clear-out! Collection box in the Library. Thank you very much.

EXHIBITION IN THE GALLERY



NOVEMBER

Jessop School. An exhibition on the theme of Black History and Heritage.

From Friday 8th November

Caroline Mackie

CARNEGIE LIBRARY BOOK GROUP

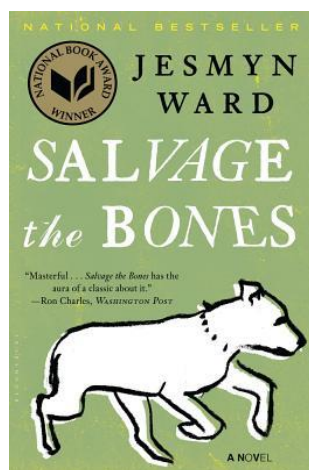
First Monday of each Month

Meetings are from 7 to 8.30pm. With refreshments. The book for November is *Salvage the Bones* by Jesmyn Ward.

You can collect a copy from the desk. For more information about the Book Club please speak to Caroline.



Monday 4th November 2013 at 7pm.



Caroline Mackie



Herne Hill Society monthly meeting

www.hernehillsociety.org.uk

Wednesday 13 November, 7.45pm.
Free. All welcome. Refreshments.

The History of the Horniman and its Collections

An illustrated talk by Finbarr Whooley, Assistant Director, Horniman Museum

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

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 at
foclmembers@gmail.com

Caroline Mackie

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

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, 1pm - 2.30pm
Poetry Group
No pressure to talk or read; drop in for a tea or coffee. Bring your own poem.

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.

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



Remember, remember

VISIT THE LIBRARY!



Use it or Lose it!

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Telephone: 020 7926 6050
email: 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.

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 ;
Or telephone 020 7274 3176.

Membership: foclmembers@gmail.com

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

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

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Contributions are welcome – to the Red Tray as above.
Or email to foclnewsletter@gmail.com Thank you.