



Carnegie Library, 188 Herne Hill Rd, SE24

WE DECKED THE HALLS



Our 10th annual Winter Fair, which took place on Saturday 6th December, was as colourful as ever. With a theme of "Deck the Halls With Boughs of Holly", the usual Christmas trees and festive hangings were augmented by no fewer than fifteen living, walking decorations. Ceres outdid herself providing fabulous costumes to delight library visitors of all ages. Even the Friends' Chair was not exempt, becoming an amiable tree on which people could pin bells, baubles, bangles and beads. Your correspondent certainly enjoyed swanning about as the Nutcracker 'Sweet' King.

The fair was opened by Ellen Barbet, who used Carnegie Library when she was a girl during the war, and still retains a special affection for it. Coming all the way from Siberia, Santa and his glamorous young assistant held court in a glittering grotto to which children gleefully gravitated. Nearby, punters were photographed as elves, a seaside-inspired innovation.

As usual, the main library featured community stalls, the children's library offered fun activities which engaged many youngsters, while the gallery gave space for craft and charity stalls as well as the ever-popular tombola. Brenda's team of bakers made delicious cakes to entice the hungry throng.

It must be said that visitor numbers were a bit lower this year, possibly an effect of the "economic downturn" and the clash of other events such as school fairs on the same day, in particular at nearby St Saviour's School. Still, those who attended had lots of fun. Next year we plan to hold the fair earlier and make it bigger and better. Fa la la la la la la la!

Jeff Doom

CARNEGIE BOOK GROUP

Come along to meet fellow book lovers, discuss a good book and join the fun.

The group meets in the library on **the first Monday of the month from 7 to 8.30pm**. It is free to join, and if you are a member of the library, you will be able to borrow the book.

Each month we provide you with a copy of one of the books from our list. At the next meeting you can come along and share your views – do you love it, hate it, or would you recommend it to a friend?

The group is run by one of our local librarians, Lisa Ozalp, who will be happy to give you further information. Tel: 020 7926 6050 or Email: carnegielibrary@lambeth.gov.uk

www.bookgroup.info
www.bookgrouponline.com
www.readinggroupchoices.com

World Book Day 2009



Join Lambeth Libraries in celebrating World Book Day on **5 March 2009**. World Book Day was designated by UNESCO as a worldwide celebration of books and reading, and is marked in over 100 countries around the globe. Lambeth Libraries will be fully involved, for more information visit the [World Book Day website](http://www.worldbookday.com) or drop in to your local Lambeth library.

DO YOU REMEMBER NEVILLE WILLIAMS?

Caroline Scott is writing a biography of singer/actor Gary Miller (real name Neville G Williams, died 1968), who sang the theme tune to 'Stingray' in the 60s. Apparently he lived in Herne Hill and used Carnegie Library.

The author wonders if anyone in the area remembers him and could tell what sort of books he may have liked (and borrowed) or other details of his life here. Please contact newsletter editor.

VOLUNTEERS, PLEASE.



The gallery created by the Friends in cooperation with the Library Service needs a small amount of repainting. The walls have been stained by Blu-Tack between the dado and picture rails and these areas therefore need to be repainted with a paint which Blu-Tack will not mark. We plan to do the work at the end of March. If you might be able to help with this, please email me at foclchair@googlemail.com or telephone me on 020 7274 7008.



The gardens need regular maintenance and the Friends could use more volunteers to help with this. Please come along to our regular gardening sessions on the first Saturday of each month from 2pm to 4.30pm. Gloves and tools are supplied and there will be someone on hand to advise what needs attention. We have a break about halfway through to chat over free tea and home-made cake.

Stephen Carlill

LITERARY ANNIVERSARIES

Among the many commemorations in 2009 are:

Dr Samuel Johnson, lexicographer, critic and essayist, born 1709; Robert Burns, Scottish poet, born 1759; Edgar Allan Poe, American poet and writer, born 1809; Alfred, Lord Tennyson, poet, born 1809; A E Housman, poet, and Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, author, both born 1859 and Sax Rohmer, novelist (who lived in Herne Hill), died 1959. As the Friends celebrate our 10th birthday, remember them and ask for their works in the library.

Jeff Doorn

SPRING EVENTS

5th March **World Book Day** – see item.

Wednesday 11th March 7.30pm – **Herne Hill Society AGM** followed by ‘Educating Ethel’, the story of education for girls – United Church Hall, Red Post Hill

Thursday 19th March 6.30 for 7pm – **FoCL AGM and 10th anniversary**. See flyer.

First Saturday of the month 7th March, 4th April 2.30-4.30 pm: **Teatime** – Carnegie Library. Tea, coffee, soft drinks and delicious home-made cakes for sale.



First Saturday of the month 7th March, 4th April note new time: 2-4.30pm: **Garden Work Days** – Carnegie Library. Please come along for as long as you can, followed by free tea and cake.

Every Saturday - 3-5 pm: **Chess Club** – Carnegie Library Gallery. For experienced or novice players of any age. Free entry and tuition. **Tournament at Dulwich College Sunday 8th March.**

First Monday of the month 7-8.30 pm: **Book Group**, Carnegie Library. Ask the librarians for the current book.

Third Wednesday of the month 10am-12pm: **Silver Surfers** – Carnegie Library. Come to this 50+ group and learn how to use the internet with free tea, coffee and chat too.

Every Friday 10.30am-noon: **Storytime for under 5s** – rhymes, stories and crafts – Carnegie Children’s Library.

VISIT THE LIBRARY!!

Don’t forget ‘Use it or Lose it’.



OPENING HOURS:

Mon 1-8pm
Wed 10am-6pm
Fri 10am-6pm
Sat 9am-5pm
188 Herne Hill Road, Tel . 7926 6050

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

There is a good selection of DVDs for adults and children to rent.

CDs and TAPES

The Carnegie stocks a good range of talking books, language courses etc.

INTERNET

Don’t forget that the Carnegie has free internet access for all! First fifteen minutes without booking but see librarian for longer.

INFORMATION AND EVENTS

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

THE GALLERY SPACE

To exhibit see library staff.

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