



CSV 
MAKE
A DIFFERENCE
DAY

Carnegie Garden

Saturday 31st
October

CSV Make a Difference Day is the UK's largest day of volunteering, led by the charity **Community Service Volunteers (CSV)**. Thousands of people like you get together every year to make a difference in their communities. Why not become one of them for CSV Make a Difference Day 2009?

In uncertain times, the need for community spirit is more important than ever. That's why this year the campaign will highlight the importance of kindness and helping others - and you can be part of it!

By taking action in your community and volunteering on CSV Make a Difference Day, you can help create a **wave of kindness** across the UK. Together, we can beat the recession gloom, break down barriers and help to build stronger, happier and safer communities.

At the Carnegie we will be putting the worms to bed, preparing winter food for the birds, planting wild flowers and bulbs, giving away freebies and lots more.

Gardening

Children's activities

Refreshments

Hard work

Fun!

www.csv.org.uk/difference

Very Welcome Support Locally

Your committee are very grateful for the solid support for the Carnegie received from both the Conservatives and Labour recently. Those of us who read the party leaflets that come through the doors in Herne Hill Ward will be aware that neither party accepts the recent suggestion that the Carnegie be closed and sold. As most readers will already know, that suggestion came from the council's Valuation and Asset Management Division. It was not supported by, or even disclosed to, Lambeth officers connected with Libraries.

We are particularly grateful to the parties for encouraging local people to join the library and the Friends.

Local politicians also turned out in force to express their support at our tea party at the beginning of September. They included:

- Councillor Rachel Heywood, Lambeth's Cabinet Member whose portfolio includes Libraries, and Councillor Clare Whelan, Conservative Chair of the council's Scrutiny Committee that covers libraries.
- Local councillors John Whelan and Kirsty McHugh, longstanding supporters of the Carnegie in the Conservative and Labour parties respectively.
- Our Member of Parliament, Tessa Jowell, and her Conservative opponent in the General Election due to take place by June, Kemi Adegoke.
- Hamish Badenoch, one of the Conservatives' candidates for Herne Hill Ward in the local elections due to take place in May.
- Rebecca Thackray, our local Green Party councillor.

But a Bleak Outlook Nationally

Whoever wins the General Election, there will be drastic cuts in central government expenditure next year and we can be sure that this will result in public libraries being closed up and down the country because:

- Central government provides roughly £4 of every £5 spent by local government and the amount coming from central government is sure to be reduced.
- Central government requires much of the money it provides to be spent on providing particular services to specific standards but neither the present government nor the Conservatives are proposing detailed requirements in respect of libraries.
- This leaves local councils with closing libraries as an easy way of saving money in places where local people do not insist that their libraries stay open.

So despite the substantial political support we do undoubtedly have, the Friends must be ready to fight to keep the Carnegie through the coming hard times.

Stephen Carlill, Chair

'TRAVEL TIPS FOR THE OLDER EXPLORER' by Alistair Boyd

Date: Wednesday 21st October Time: 11am

Come to the Library to enjoy a verbal trip around the world.



In the mid-1950s, HRH The Duke of Edinburgh threw out a challenge to University students and graduates "to work their way around the world on £5". So that is what Alistair Boyd did in 1956. He subsequently recorded his experience in a book entitled **Royal Challenge Accepted**.

Alistair will be talking about his latest title **Get up and go!** In this sequel to his original book, Alistair Boyd has compiled his own lexicon of travel tips. They are supplemented by six contributions offering travel advice today to destinations he visited fifty years ago.

If you missed your year out here's a second chance. You will discover how to navigate through some of the world's best festivals and learn how to get involved in Sailing a Clipper 68 on a challenging Gap Year. The book provides some practical advice on how to reach the ancestral home in Kenya of President Obama, on the variety of festivals on offer for the rich and less well-off travellers and concludes with how his initial wanderings evolved into an exciting and worthwhile career beyond the cliffs of Dover.

Working for many years for the Commonwealth Development Corps in Africa and the Caribbean, Alistair is currently Vice-chair of the Royal Africa Society. Join him as he charts his travels around the world and offers great advice.

CARNEGIE GALLERY – CURRENT EXHIBITION



James Barton is a sculptor and artist. For over 30 years he has used theatre as a medium to make connections between the viewer and the work. He is fascinated by how the different use of visual images affects people's responses.

James had the fortune of being taught by the Sculptress Barbara Hepworth at her St. Ives studio in her latter years. He was inspired by her teaching concerning sculpture in the natural environment. It is this early inspiration that influenced him in creating sculptures integral with the environment but also striking in their own right.

www.jamesbartonsculptor.co.uk

WIGGLE, WIGGLE, CHIRP, CHIRP



The Friends of Carnegie Library used part of our second Big Lottery grant to provide a wormery in what has become a classic small garden of its type. We took the opportunity to 'christen' the wormery by making it one of the main themes of the Friends' 'Teatime' on 1st August which we called 'Wiggle and Chirp Day'.

The intention was to get as many people as possible – adults as well as children – interested in finding out how nature worked and what they could do for nature. We were again blessed with pleasant weather and, judging by the attendance of some 90 people, the day was a great success.

A great deal of interest was shown in the display we had provided within the library, full of useful hints and tips, and the children were kept entertained by craft activities led by Marie Plumridge in the Children's Library and music making with Caroline Knapp in the garden. There were pamphlets available which had been provided by the BBC, designed to entertain young and old alike. Further goodies were on offer in the form of free T-shirts which (surprise!) were snapped up. We had also provided a 'board' game, actually cut out of a piece of cloth, designed to illustrate the old adage that 'the early bird catches the worm'. The writer tried out the game on the morning of 1st August and in his case the early bird only just succeeded!

The Metropolitan Public Gardens Association's Joyce Bellamy was again a welcome guest and suggested that the Carnegie Library might like to consider taking part in the London Garden Squares Week next year. www.opensquares.org

The writer would once again like to thank all those who helped the day go with such a swing.

Bob Goodrick

What I did for Nature

I held a worm in my hand

I growd a floowr

I Looked for minibests withe my mum

withe my eyes but wee cldone [find any]

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AUTUMN/WINTER EVENTS

1-31st October: **Celebrating Age 2009, Black History Month and Family Learning Festival.** Various events including those below - see www.lambeth.gov.uk

Wednesday 21st October 11am: **Travel Tips for the Older Explorer** (*Celebrating Age 2009*) – Carnegie Library. See article.

Friday 30th October: 2.30pm: **Nzinga Dance – African puppets/dolls workshop (book in advance)** (*Black History Month*) – Carnegie Library. See www.lambeth.gov.uk

Saturday 31st October 1-4pm: **Make a Difference Day** See front page.

Garden Work Days – will resume in spring.

Saturday 28th November: **Winter Fair.** Craft & community stalls, tombola, Commedia dell'arte characters, refreshments and Father Frost.

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



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 23rd October: **Anika**, 30th October: **Margaret Bateson-Hill**, (*Family Learning Festival*)

Every Saturday - 3-5 pm: **Chess Club** – Carnegie Library Gallery. For experienced or novice players of any age. Free entry and tuition.

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

Current exhibition by James Barton – see article www.jamesbartonsculptor.co.uk To book the space see library staff.

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