



FROM THE CHAIR

A team of 30 volunteers from KPMG worked hard on the library gardens for the day on 24th August and achieved great results. The Friends present were amazed by how quickly the team got through tasks such as removing trees that were far beyond our capacity and the quality of their work was excellent. The Friends are grateful to the volunteers, to KPMG for releasing them for the day and to CSV, who proposed the idea and helped with the arrangements.

We still need more help at the regular gardening sessions on the first Saturday of the month from 2-4pm, though we will be taking January off. Please do come along to help. There is always something to do which will have very worthwhile results, even if, like me, you are puzzled by the distinction between a garden plant and a weed.

Congratulations to the Friends who organised the Tea Party in September and to everyone who helped make it a great success. I want to thank especially Robert McKenzie, who does wonderful designs for our posters, Helen O'Rourke, who liaises with him and Frances Lamb, who is in charge of the Friends' publicity. The designs are so attractive that *SE24* magazine have included full page reproductions in their September and November issues of the posters for the Tea Party and the Winter Fair.

Friends who live on the Lambeth side of Herne Hill should by now have seen the plan showing proposals for a **20mph zone** and **barriers across local roads**, on which the council is now consulting local residents. When considering Question 4 on the proposed barriers, please take into account the channelling of traffic onto the three roads abutting the library. A particular concern is the barrier proposed for Poplar Walk. A barrier there could be expected to increase substantially the amount of traffic noise from Herne Hill Road in both the Gallery, which is used as study space by the adult literacy clubs and others, and the Children's Library.

Lambeth should also soon be consulting on the possibility of introducing a further noon-to-2pm **Controlled Parking Zone**, to fill the gap between their two existing noon-to-2pm CPZs in the streets behind the library. There should be a comments box on the consultation form and your committee will be grateful if Friends consulted add a comment to the box that it should be possible to buy a ticket for the full two hours from noon to 2pm at any time after 11.30 if Lambeth do go ahead with the zone. This request applies even if you complete the form to oppose the introduction of the zone. The aim is to facilitate parking for genuinely local purposes, such as visiting the library. The Friends intend to get Lambeth's Archives moved to the Carnegie at some stage during the next few years as having the Archives would help to ensure the long-term future of our library. Some researchers would want to come by car and stay several hours, including the middle of the day. One of the arguments in favour of the Carnegie as a location for the Archives is the convenience of its transport links and parking.

HEARTBEAT: THE RHYTHM OF PAOLA MINEKOV'S ART



Echoes of Romance, diptych



Dancers II



Gaslight London

Experience the rhythm of Paola's art in this solo exhibition which offers the first ever overview of her wide range of works. Paola's view of the world is rich in emotion and she captures relationships with a heartbeat of love, lust and misunderstandings. In her cityscapes she reveals her memories and visions of the cities we live in. The paintings in her Dancers Series are renowned for their vibrant colours and the lively atmosphere they evoke. Paola has recently completed two paintings of dancers of the Royal Ballet and the Ballet Black dance company.

Paola lives and works in Herne Hill and is an active member of the South London Women Artists. She has exhibited nationally and internationally and prior to Heartbeat is due to show paintings from the Dancers Series at a Ballet Gala in aid of the Honeypot Charity in the Britten Theatre, with the participation of dancers from the Royal Ballet, English National Ballet, Dutch National Ballet, Ballet Black, Ballet Riviera and independent performers such as Antonia Franceschi (*Grease, Fame*, New York City Ballet, *Time Out* Award winner for "Outstanding Achievement in Dance") and Bradley Creswick.

Venue: Carnegie Library Gallery

Dates: 12th November – 31st December, 2010

Private View: 12th November, 6:30pm – 9pm.

Meet the Artist: 27th November, 11am – 5pm, Winter Fair

Paola's portfolio website: <http://www.paolaminekov.com>

Artist Resume: <http://www.paolaminekov.com/resume.html>

Reviews of the Artwork: http://www.paolaminekov.com/vanslov_review.html

Interview with Paola: <http://southlondonwomenartists.co.uk/2010/10/07/dancers-circuses-and-emotions-interview-with-paola-minekov/>

For more information and high resolution images please contact Paola at: art@paolaminekov.com or +44 7935 808 830

Vote for Ruskin Park in Lambeth's 'Your Choice' to get £75,000 for the Stable Block

Ruskin Park's stable block project has been nominated by Lambeth for their 'Your Choice' vote. The Lambeth residents' public vote will decide the winner. Details and how to vote for your park will be inside Lambeth Life arriving to your house soon, on Lambeth's website / Your Choice or via www.lambeth.gov.uk/Services/CouncilDemocracy/Consultations/YourChoice.htm Band 2 - deadline 1st December. Spread the word - this is a great opportunity to fund the long overdue café and community centre.

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE AT CARNEGIE LIBRARY



It is assumed that libraries are a quiet place to go to over the summer. Well not so in Lambeth! Across the country, during the summer holidays a national scheme organised by The Reading Agency, called 'Summer Reading Challenge' (SRC) is run throughout the country. The Young People's Services Team (YPS) in Lambeth, lead by the Senior Children's Librarian, Sandra Davidson, buys into this popular reading scheme.

This is where children up to the ages of 14 read six books over the summer and receive prizes and medals for doing so. This scheme is always themed and this year the theme was 'Space Hop', which was highly popular. When children join they receive a Space Hop pack. This pack had spaces for stickers that the children would collect for every two books that they read. They also collected the popular Munglers Trump Cards for every book that they read. The trump cards were developed by the author Guy Bass. On top of this, the children would also receive prizes such as a bookmark, a multi-coloured pencil, and glow in the dark wrist band.

Throughout the SRC there are activities and these took place every Friday at Carnegie Library. At these activities children and young people were able to develop their making, sharing and listening skills, besides having fun. We had children creating space characters with Margaret Bateson-Hill, Space Hoppers go on a Space Journey in the Library and in the Garden, and listen (and join in!) with the vibrant storyteller Tricia George.

For the Space Journey activity I devised some tasks for the children to do with their picture of a spaceman that they coloured and decorated. They collected Munglers Trump cards as they completed each task. I asked Ceres Dandridge from the Friends of Carnegie Library if she could provide something the children for this event and she came up with a lunar landscape with the help of some young friends too. Ceres is always enthusiastic and flexible and has helped at special events for the under fives sessions in the past.

At Carnegie Library alone 207 children joined Space Hop and 90 children read six books and completed. I felt proud to see the smiling faces of families when we had our Space Hop party, at the end of the summer, where children received their medals and certificates.

This reading scheme is an enjoyable and fun way to encourage reading and literacy. I am often told by parents that their child's reading ability improves a level as a result of doing this reading scheme. My local public library was instrumental in my own education and I am always touched by people's support and kind words for the service that we in Lambeth Libraries provide. I can't wait for next year and aim to have more children at Carnegie Library joining and completing. Roll on 2011!

Pauline Hibbert (Children's Librarian, Brixton & Carnegie Library)

SEPTEMBER FUN IN THE GARDEN



There was a novel twist to the Friends' activities in September when the usual tea and cakes day on the first Saturday of the month was replaced by a full-blown tea-party in a sunny and blooming wildlife garden that looked at its best.

We had settled on an Alice in Wonderland theme for the event and had planned various activities to keep the many children amused. For example, one family ended its holiday by baking and icing 24 beautiful cakes in the shapes of butterflies, beetles and bees.

We even had a patch laid aside where anyone interested could learn at least how to hit a croquet ball – or to discover a way of dispelling frustration! We also

arranged for the Carnegie Chess Club to have a presence in the garden and were pleasantly surprised when we received a visit from a real live chess grandmaster – a friend of Edward who, for those who do not know, is the Carnegie Chess Club's mentor and guiding spirit.

We had, of course, hoped that the weather would hold and that the publicity we had generated would bring in a good attendance. In the event, the turnout exceeded expectations and the various activities went down extremely well. Over one hundred people attended and Alice herself could be seen amongst the crowd, apron and all.

The abundance of cakes, sandwiches and savouries was so much appreciated that they disappeared in short order and squeaks of admiration greeted the cup cakes iced "Eat me". We had decided to invite donations rather than to formally charge for food and drink, which proved extremely successful; our new donations box, a huge enamel tea-pot, was too full to rattle.

We also had some success in raising awareness of what the library means because we recruited 11 (yes, eleven) new members. This may not seem so important now, but could become more so because the Friends might need a bigger voice if (or when) we need to speak up for library users in the face of the cuts which we expect to threaten the library service.

On a more cheerful note, the writer's heartfelt thanks go to that mine of ideas Ceres Dandridge for the work she put in. Credit is also due to the rest of the committee and all the others who helped the day go with such a swing. We look forward to seeing you at the Winter Fair on 27th November.

Bob Goodrick, with interruptions from

Ceres Dandridge, who enjoyed the photographs of the Alice display almost more than the real thing. How useful that Cowling and Wilson in Camberwell were selling inexpensive wooden mannequins which provided ideal bodies for the characters. The Events Sub-Committee must be congratulated warmly for their efforts when they bravely constructed a house with chimneys like ears and a roof thatched with fur!

LIGHTS ON AT THE CARNEGIE



This year the library service is repeating its celebration of the festival of lights known as Diwali. One of the main religious festivals in India, it takes place around the end of October although the date can vary within certain limits.

Tradition holds that the god Vishnu created the festival and ordered that the merchant class celebrate it. It honours the Hindu goddess of wealth and is used to mark the start of a new trading year. Families visit one another, gifts are exchanged and it is a time for merriment and wiping the slate clean. Gambling is also encouraged as a means of ensuring good luck for the coming year.

The 'rows of lights', which are placed among the parapets of temples and sometimes in rivers in India, are a commemoration of the return of Rama (an incarnation of the god Vishnu) from exile to celebrate his coronation.

Unlike the Christian celebration of All Souls' Day, mirth and jollity prevail; it seems that the secular arm needs to get involved to lighten the atmosphere – witness the 'tricking or treating'.

We hope that the occasion will be as successful as last year's and will provide our own 'rows of lights' in the garden, but gambling is out! You can make your own coloured beeswax candles with Mary Slater and try sand painting, hand-decorating and traditional Indian games. Look forward to seeing you on 13th November.

Bob Goodrick



During September, October and November, Lambeth Libraries will be running a [Banned Books promotion](#). The promotion ties in with the American Library Associations 'Banned Books' week. Across London our public libraries are committed to upholding the values of freedom of expression. We believe that access to information should not be restricted on any grounds except that of the law.

Corrosive to young minds? Politically incendiary? Or just downright sexy? We've selected over 50 books that are mad, bad and dangerous to read. Banned Books celebrates challenging censorship in literature; come into your library and see what you were not supposed to read.

EVENTS

Saturday November 13th 3-4.30pm: **Diwali** - Carnegie Library. Festival of lights: candles in the garden, henna painting and other crafts.

Saturday November 27th 11am-3pm: **Winter Fair** – Carnegie Library. See flyer.

Wednesday December 8th 7.30pm: **Animal, Vegetable and Mineral**, poetry, prose and song – Herne Hill United Church Hall
www.hernehillsociety.org.uk

Wednesday January 12th 7.30pm: **The Life & Work of Mervyn Peake**, a celebration for the author's centenary year by his son, Sebastian Peake – Herne Hill United Church Hall
www.hernehillsociety.org.uk

First Saturday of the month, 2.30 – 3.30pm: **Councillor Carol Boucher's Surgery** – Carnegie Library Tel 07814 567914 Email cboucher@lambeth.gov.uk

First Saturday of the month 2-4pm: **Garden Work Days** – Carnegie Library. (4th December, 8th January). Followed by free tea and cake.

First Saturday of the month 2.30-4.30pm: **Teatime** – Carnegie Library. (4th December, 8th January). Tea, coffee, soft drinks and delicious home-made cakes for sale.

First Monday of the month 7-8.30pm: **Book Group**, Carnegie Library. (**not December; 10th January**). 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.

Every Saturday – 2.45-5pm: **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

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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

12 Nov-31 Dec **Paola Minekov** - see article.

To book the space see library staff.

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