



# GYPSY ROMA TRAVELLER EXHIBITION



FRIENDS,  
FAMILIES &  
TRAVELLERS

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Tuesday 29 August - Saturday 2 September



**Mapping the Histories of London's Travellers** exhibition from London Gypsies & Travellers includes stories, articles, interactive online maps & QR codes with audio shared by people with lived experience.

The Friends, Families and Travellers project **Travelling Tales** joins the exhibition. Experience a first-hand look at how life on the road used to be with a real life vardo!

**Carnegie Library**



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**Lambeth**

## A Storm in a Coffee Cup?

The Friends have long wanted to have a café service in the library but there have always been two obstacles to this. One is financial; cafés in libraries almost always fail to cover their costs and close. The other is noise in a building designed to transmit sound, especially the intrusive noises from operating an expresso coffee machine.

Your committee were therefore alarmed to discover an application for consent under the Listed Buildings legislation to install the fixtures for a café in the large room which is on your right as you enter the building from its main entrance. There is a Planning Permission to use a small part of the room as a café but not most of it. The implication seemed to be that a café would be opened in breach of Planning controls, without any restriction on opening hours or measures to mitigate noise penetrating the library and the four flats above the library.

The part of Lambeth Council dealing with Listed Buildings and Planning applications is legally required to consider applications independently of the rest of the Council. On making enquiries, we ascertained that no application has been made to Lambeth as owners of the building and, when one is received, it will be considered on its merits. This would necessarily include the impact on the library and the flats.

What seems to have happened is that the room was assumed to be available because at present it and three other large rooms are empty nearly all the time. However, Lambeth appears to need all four rooms. Two may be needed to hire out as desk or studio spaces to artists and others, to provide much-needed revenue while supporting local creative industries. The library is attracting ever more users and will soon, if it does not already, need to expand into one of the rooms. Lambeth is juggling spaces in other libraries to provide desk spaces to hire. So, they may well need to move some "back office" services into our building. In particular, the large site which includes Minet Library is due to be redeveloped. This will necessitate moving from the Minet the office and stacks of books used by the librarians who visit housebound Lambeth residents to provide the much-admired library Home Visit Service.

If the room does turn out to be available, the information we have obtained suggests that we should not be too worried. I met the proposed operator of the café, who was very willing to chat with me about her plans. She assures us that she does appreciate the need for sound proofing to be carried out and that she will not incur any expenditure until this and lease terms are sorted out.

We may reasonably doubt whether this café proposal will come to anything. However, we can hope that we will end up with a library and café service which will be not only compatible but complementary.

A more detailed version of this article will be posted on the Friends website.

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## Events Galore



Our Midsummer Mellow Jazz event on 24<sup>th</sup> June was a great success, with visitors suggesting we make summer parties in the garden an annual event. We are very grateful to the Dave Gelly Quartet for the music, which suited the event perfectly, and all those who helped set up and run this wonderful party.

The bat walk in Ruskin Park on 5<sup>th</sup> May led by Dr Iain Boulton of Lambeth Council was clearly enjoyed by all participants. Iain will be leading another such walk, organised this time by the Friends of Ruskin Park. If you are not already receiving their email newsletters, you can sign up at [www.friendsofruskinpark.org.uk/newsletter/](http://www.friendsofruskinpark.org.uk/newsletter/)

Our second Tuesday of the month Author talks continue to be a source of pleasure for both the writers and the audiences. Please see the last page for what is coming up.

## A Sentimental Journey

**Inspired by Oxford University's oral history project Their Finest Hour**



Do you recognise any of these? If so, please come along to the library and join in a free singalong of wartime favourites hosted by Annie Bright with piano accompaniment and share a few memories of those days. It will be on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September, starting at 2.30pm and lasting about an hour. Complimentary tea and cakes will be served.

The nearest buses are the P4,68,468 and 42. There is level access and an accessible toilet.

If you have a memory you would like to be shared, please let Annie know by 12<sup>th</sup> September, either by email to [brightannie2@gmail.com](mailto:brightannie2@gmail.com) or by phoning her on 020 7733 0564.





**Carnegie Library**

**Herne Hill Road**

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**Lift access is  
from Ferndene  
Road**

## Opening Hours

Day	Morning	Afternoon & Evening
Monday	Closed	2 to 7
Tuesday	10 to 1	2 to 7
Wednesday	10 to 1	2 to 6
Thursday	10 to 1	2 to 7
Friday	10 to 1	2 to 6
Saturday	9 to 1	2 to 5

There is always a friendly librarian present to assist library users.

## Regular Events in the Library

**Bridge Club:** for players of any standard on Mondays 2.15 to 5.15.

**Chatter Books:** Book club for 7- to 11-year-olds on the last Monday of every month 3.30 to 4.30

**Reading Group** on the first Monday of the month from 7 to 8. Please ask the librarian for the current book.

**Friends Author Events** on the second Tuesday of each month. Refreshments from 6.30pm; presentation from 7.00 to 8.30. In the library and live streamed. Suggestions for future authors and books are always welcome.

**September 12<sup>th</sup>** Our contribution to Lambeth Heritage Festival will be Christopher J Schuler with *The Wood That Built London: A Human History of the Great North Wood*.

**October 10<sup>th</sup>** Our contribution to Black History Month will be Stephen Bourne presenting *From War to Windrush: Black Women in Britain 1939-1948*.

**November 14<sup>th</sup>** Deborah Harrington will enlighten us on *Modern Monetary Theory*.

**December 12<sup>th</sup>** Renowned artist Jeremy Deller will present his book *Art is Magic*.

**Wriggle and Rhyme:** Rhymes, stories, movement, puppets, scarves, shakers BUT MOST OF ALL FUN for under-5s and their grown-ups on Wednesdays 10.30 to 11.15.

**Chess Club:** for players of all standards, with some tuition for beginners, on Saturdays 2 to 4.30

**Friends Tea Stall** on the first Saturday of the month 2.00 to 4.00.