



## Annual General Meeting

**Please come to this meeting which will be held in the library from 7 to 9pm on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March.** It is open to all members of the Friends and there will be welcoming refreshments from 6.30. **The meeting is your chance to hear about developments in the library service, how the Friends are supporting the work of the service and to discuss the future.**

As the above constitutes formal notice of the meeting, it has to be mentioned that the "Friends" is formally the Carnegie Library Herne Hill Association Charitable Incorporated Organisation which uses the working name Friends of Carnegie Library CIO. An agenda will be provided in the meeting.

## Volunteers Needed

Several members of the current committee are likely to be retiring at the AGM and we are therefore hoping to recruit new committee members. The only practical requirement is a desire to support a **free**, professionally run public library service providing a collection of books and range of activities for everyone in the community. There are always plenty of enjoyable tasks available. If you are willing to consider standing, please feel free to ring me for a chat about what is involved. I am usually at home in the mornings and my number is 020 7274 7008. Alternatively, longstanding members of the committee available to talk will be in the library on the afternoon of Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March.

The Friends can put all talents to good use but someone with accountancy or bookkeeping skills would be especially welcome.

The current committee will be circulating details of candidates to the members of the Friends on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March. So, we are looking for decisions to stand by then.

If you would like to help Lambeth Libraries another way, they are looking for volunteers to help them carry out the mammoth task of a complete stock take, which is currently in progress. All the books need to be fed through the issue machines. Our library and Minet Library have been done but help elsewhere would be very welcome. If you can spare a few hours, please email [libraries@lambeth.gov.uk](mailto:libraries@lambeth.gov.uk) or phone 020 7926 0750.

*Stephen Carlill, Chair*

# 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Winter Fair

Congratulations are due to our events team of Bob, Jackie and Laura for organising yet another excellent fair, and to everyone else who helped to create an event which was clearly enjoyed by friends old and new. Our patron Katya Lester (Lady Lester of Herne Hill) launched the event by chatting with all the stall holders and then declaring the Fair open. Here are a few photographs of the event.



Top row from left to right: Katya and the Friends information stall. (Our Chair Stephen and Laura face the camera.) Middle row: Katya at the Fair-Trade stall and our wonderful musicians, Dave Gelly on saxophone and Nigel Bennett on guitar. Bottom row: Our free children's books stall and a beautiful display of reasonably-priced items for sale.



# Author Talks



*Jeremy Deller presenting Art is Magic to an appreciative audience in December.*

The free author talks arranged by the Friends in conjunction with Lambeth Libraries continue to be very popular. The next six are:

February 13<sup>th</sup> For LGBT History Month, Contributors to *Lost Places* recall former venues and groups, including the Brixton squats.

March 12<sup>th</sup> For International Women's Day, Jenni Bowley of Lambeth Tour Guides Association presents *Inspirational Women of Lambeth*.

April 9<sup>th</sup> Marlowe Russell presents *Bantling*, which traces the lives over 25 years of an unmarried mother and her son, forcibly separated in 1923.

May 14<sup>th</sup> Journalist and broadcaster Rory Cellan-Jones discusses *Ruskin Park, Sylvia and Me*, a memoir drawn from his mother's correspondence.

June 11<sup>th</sup> Peter Watts will give the history of *Denmark Street: London's Street of Sound*

July 9<sup>th</sup> Jolyon Maugham of the Good Law Project presents *Bringing Down Goliath: How Good Law Can Topple the Powerful*.

Eventbrite links for booking these are emailed to members about a week or so before the event concerned. Booking is not essential but helps the library staff. It gives them an idea of how many people to expect and therefore how much furniture they need to move to accommodate the audience!

The Friends are especially grateful to the authors who return to the library repeatedly. These include Sue Hubbard, for a fascinating account of her novel *Flatlands* and how it came to be written, and Louise Candlish, here being interviewed about her novel *The Only Suspect*, by Jeff Doorn of the Friends.



**The talks are always on the second Tuesday of the month from 7 to 8.30pm. The Friends lay on tea and coffee from 6.30pm.**





**Carnegie Library,  
Herne Hill Road,  
SE24 0DG  
Level access is from Ferndene  
Road**

The photograph was taken by Matt Lewis at 1am on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2023 shows the Moon, Jupiter and stars above the library.

## 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. Please see the article on the previous page for the next six events.

**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 and Saturdays 9.30 to 10.30.

**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.

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