



## Gardens and a Garden Party



After the long period when we could not do much on the gardens, our volunteers have set to work and the front gardens are looking lovely. The Friends are grateful to Faith, Jeff, John and Maureen for restoring the notice boards and replacing the decayed wooden plaques for the trees we planted with attractive metal ones. We are especially grateful to our two gardening stalwarts, Margaret and Niesje, for all the maintenance work they do. Thanks to Susanna Barnes, who leads Lambeth Libraries, we now have an outside tap for watering the gardens when this becomes necessary.

Come to the library on **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July from 2.15pm** to 4.30pm for the party in the pleasant rear garden, to enjoy sandwiches and cake while chatting with other local people and listening to live music, with a guest appearance of saxophone legend Dave Gelly. The party celebrates the first 25 years of the Friends of Carnegie Library supporting the work of the library and the Mayor of Lambeth has kindly agreed to drop in and cut the cake. It is a free event and all are welcome. So, **please bring neighbours and acquaintances.**

Stephen Carlill, Chair

# Save St Saviour's School



Lambeth controls which of the schools in the borough receives running costs provided by central government. The Council are currently proposing to withdraw funding from St Saviour's, forcing it to close. They describe this as a merger with another school, St John's, Angell Town. The implication seems to be that they think the St Saviour's pupils would brave Angell Town.

Lambeth are consulting on the proposal and the closing date for submissions has recently been extended to 18<sup>th</sup> August. Please take a good look at the Save St Saviour's website and respond to the consultation.

The background is that the number of Primary School pupils in Inner London boroughs is rapidly reducing. Even after the "merger", St John's would be only half to two-thirds used. The Friends' committee have decided to make a submission arguing that it would be more sensible to close St John's, temporarily enlarging St Saviour's School until pupil numbers in the borough fall further.

## The Friends on Tour

Some members of your committee spent a very pleasant afternoon running a stall at the Friends of Ruskin Park Summer Fete earlier this month, chatting with visitors to the Fete about the library, its excellent large collection of books and the many activities taking place in the library. We gave away children's books and these displayed on the stall encouraged people to stop and talk with us.

One of the visitors to the Fete is Assistant Head of Jessop's School. She invited us to run a similar stall at their Summer Picnic a few days later, which we did and greatly enjoyed.

Both events were very successful in publicising the library but indicated that there is much more work to do in this respect. Several times at the Fete we were asked whether the library is still open. This is perhaps understandable given that 800 libraries have been closed in recent years and that a few years ago Lambeth were planning to close half the borough's libraries. The message that councillors of all parties now support Lambeth's libraries has not got through to everyone.

The Friends produce handbills with the library's hours on one side and a list of upcoming events and activities on the other. There are always some of these in the library. Please take some to give to anyone you think might be interested and, if you feel able to do so, talk to them about what the library offers.

Lambeth is giving more publicity to its libraries. This is very welcome but nothing is as effective as word of mouth.

# News Roundup

Lambeth are running **Clothes Swaps** in the libraries and Carnegie's turn is from Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June to Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June, though you can drop off unwanted clothes before then. Especially needed are clothes for babies, children, teens and men.

Our **author talks** on the second Tuesday of every month continue to attract large and appreciative audiences. The authors also clearly enjoy themselves. Next up we have Jolyon Maughan KC, who has been extraordinarily successful in using the courts to promote worthy causes. Then in August Louise Candlish returns to discuss her latest thriller *Our Holiday*. Louise is a great supporter of libraries and was the main speaker at the recent annual meeting The (national) Library Campaign.

If you missed an author talk, most are on the library's Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/p/Carnegie-Library-100064818063321/> Including the two most recent by Peter Watts and Rory Cellan-Jones

The Friends' committee are keen to have some more members, many hands (and brains) make light work. Young people and someone willing to help with accounts would be especially welcome. If you might be interested, please feel free to ring our Chair, Stephen, on 020 7274 7008. The best time to get him is the morning.

News from the Friends is always available on our website:

[www.friendsofcarnegieliibrary.org.uk](http://www.friendsofcarnegieliibrary.org.uk)

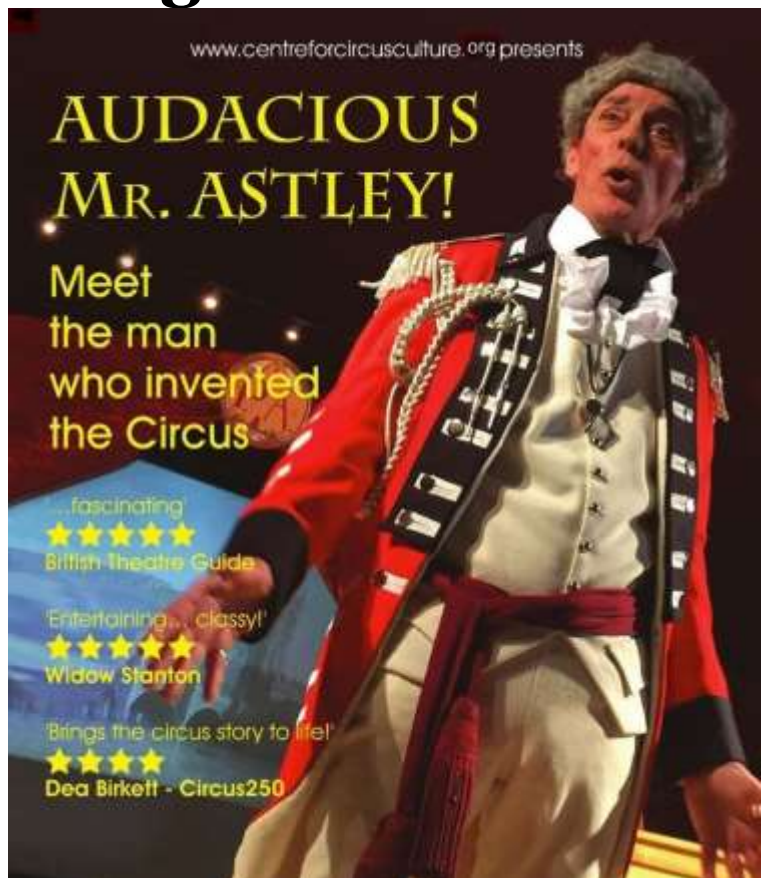
## Lambeth Heritage Festival

As members of the Lambeth Local History Forum, the Friends take an active part in the Heritage Festival, which runs in September each year. There will be an all-day Local History Fair on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> in St Leonard's Church, Streatham. This will include very interesting talks and stalls for local societies, including ourselves.

Our regular second Tuesday of the month author talk in the library will be *Radical Lambeth 1978-1991* presented by Simon Hannah.

On Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September at 3pm we will have a one-man play *Audacious Mr Astley* about the birth of modern circus in Lambeth. It lasts about an hour, is suitable for all ages and includes some audience participation.

We will email members of the Friends when the full Festival programme is published.





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

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

## Opening Hours

<b>Day</b>	<b>Morning</b>	<b>Afternoon and Evening</b>
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

## 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 third Monday of the month from 6.30 to 8. Ask in the library 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.

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

August 13<sup>th</sup> Louise Candlish with *Our Holiday*

September 10<sup>th</sup> Simon Hannah presents *Radical Lambeth 1978-1991*

**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.