

update

The free newsletter of the St Johns Society

Ravensbourne River Clear Up A date for your diary!! Sunday 3rd July 2005 10am to 1pm



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With a little hard work
and community spirit!!



In conjunction with Thames 21 and Glendale Parks local residents will be meeting at the Ranger's Hut in Brookmill Park to once again help clear the Ravensbourne River of rubbish. The last time was a great success and I think all had a good deal of fun!!

Prior to entering the water and helping clearing of rubbish to awaiting disposal vehicles there will be a short risk assessment and health and safety talk by Thames 21 – If you want to help with this project please try to be at the park in good time to hear the information. *Remember to wear old clothes! (waders/gloves provided).*

St Johns Society

The society is a voluntary organisation formed by local residents who care about the area in which they live. All residents are encouraged to attend meetings and are invited to contribute to the work and focus of the Society. New input is always welcome. If you feel that you can help in this way, or would like to make any suggestions please ring the number at the back of this issue, email us or attend our next meeting...

St Johns Society AGM: 8:15pm Thursday 21st July

Join us at St Johns Church (corner of St John's Vale and Loampit Hill). Grateful thanks to the Rev Christine Bainbridge for allowing us access at short notice as our usual venue is not available.

Some of the things we do:

- Regularly paint over local graffiti (have you seen the station bridge?)
- Liaise with Thames 21 and Glendale parks on the general upkeep of Brookmill Park (River Clean Ups etc)
- Campaign on your behalf to improve the station and locality. (We need your help!)
- Regularly inform the council about car abandonment, rubbish dumping etc. Please help us by informing the council, too. Show the council that we ALL care about our environment.
- Run the St Johns Society Web Site – www.st-johns-soc.org – if there is anything you would like to see on the web site email us

A very sad sight indeed!!

After many attempts by local residents to save the historic water pumping station and former water managers office on Brookmill Road it was sad to see the bulldozers moving in to demolish the structure built circa 1862.

The site (part of the section 106 agreement from the development of the Deals Gateway – One SE8 Development) will now be passed to The Stephen Lawrence Charitable trust to build the new Stephen Lawrence Centre. Some residents are disappointed that the Centre's design could not incorporate the existing Victorian structure.

Extracts from the Stephen Lawrence Charitable trust website:

The site, which was donated to the Trust by Berkeley Group Plc, will be developed using grants awarded by the Millennium Commission (MC) and the London Development Agency (LDA). We are also seeking funding for the [Creativity Arts Laboratory](#) from the Arts Council.

***The Stephen Lawrence Centre is due to open in summer 2006.** It will offer services to the general population of the Lewisham area but will make a unique contribution in relation to improving the life chances of black Caribbean and African young people. The Centre will work closely with partners in the area to tackle under achievement and increase the motivation of young people to embrace education and overcome the barriers of the fulfilment of their potential in life.*

For more information please visit: <http://www.stephenlawrence.org.uk>

Members of the St Johns Society committee wish the trust every success with the construction and the future operation of the Centre. We look forward to the opportunities it will bring to local residents and the community of Lewisham as a whole.

Robert Whimperley-Dixon
Chair, St Johns Society

Everyone living in the St Johns and Brookmill Road Conservation area is automatically considered a member of the St Johns Society. The St Johns Society welcomes all - regardless of race, religion, gender, sexual orientation or physical disability.

Local volunteers produce the 'Update' 2-3 times a year. Events, article, pictures etc are always welcome! We deliver to over 600 households. If you would like to advertise your business or wish to sell an item locally please get in touch.

If you would like to receive the 'Update' via email please let us know by emailing us at the address on the back of this 'Update'.

Why not contribute to the St Johns Society activities and/or production and distribution of the 'Update'? Just get in touch! (see contact details on the back of this 'Update')

The St Johns Society committee wishes to express our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Malcolm Cleroux who passed away recently – he was well known for his tireless efforts promoting local groups and dealing with local issues

Get fit:

Did you know...? It takes 6000 steps to walk off a packet of crisps!

Join in one of the **weekly walks** organised in the area by Lewisham Healthy Walks. Or even train as a Volunteer Walk Leader! Contact Jenny Budd (Co-ordinator) t. 020-7188 2838 email: jenny.budd@lewishampct.nhs.uk

Cycling more your thing? Lewisham Cyclists organise regular rides and social events and produce a regular newsletter on issues concerning cyclists in the area. How about joining them on a 60-70 mile ride to Hertford and back on Saturday 9th July? For further information on this and more leisurely cycling pursuits see contact details below. www.lewishamcyclists.net. 07986 872 205 email: info@lewishamcyclists.net

Alternatively come along and watch someone else do all the work! Support a few St Johns' residents taking part in the 5km **Race for Life at 11.00 Sunday 10th July on Blackheath** in aid of Cancer Research (further details: www.raceforlife.org).

Letters

It would be helpful to the St Johns Society if all correspondence written to the Council and others when complaining, lobbying etc on behalf of the St Johns area were copied to:
enquiries@st-johns-soc.org

This enables us to keep a file of what people are complaining about and we will try to support where possible.

Dear St Johns Soc, Thanks for all your useful information over the last year – especially all the information on keeping safe. It is that time of year again when people start to leave their windows open at night to keep cool. I now have window locks on my sash windows which allow me to open them at night – but prevent anybody entering – a great idea.

Name and address supplied

Message from the Secretary to 'Elaine': You left a message on the St Johns telephone answering machine with regards fly tipping – unfortunately we were unable to make out your telephone number – please call again if we can help you in any way!

Here's a snippet of what we have previously produced for local residents

Do's and Don'ts

Do Lock doors and windows (even the small ones) when you are out of your home (yes – even if just for a short while!)
21% of burglaries are committed via unlocked doors.

Do get to know your neighbours and look out for each other (how about coming along to St John's Society meetings?)

Do check to see if you will need planning permission for security grills or changes to walls or windows

Do make sure your security measures wouldn't hinder your escape in case of a fire. Install fire alarms and keep door and window keys close to hand when at home

Don't leave spare keys to your home 'hidden' beneath doormats, in flowerpots etc. Thieves know where to look!

Instead ask a neighbour to keep a spare set for you in case of emergencies.

Don't keep car keys or purses etc. within sight or reach of your windows or doors – they can be gone in an instant.

For further information

www.met.police/crimeprevention

www.homeoffice.gov.uk

www.safe-community.net

www.bbc.co.uk/crime/prevention

www.neighbourhoodwatch.net

Crime prevention Officer tel: 020 8284 5005

"A Night at the Proms" concert by the London Docklands Singers
7.30pm Saturday 2nd July St Anne's Church, Newell Street, Limehouse E14 (DLR: Westferry)

**Poulenc, Handel and opera choruses followed by traditional favourites
from the Last Night of the Proms.**

Tickets: £10 (concessions £8) Box office t. 020-7538 3176

LOCAL INFORMATION

St John's Church 150th Anniversary 1855-2005

To mark its 150th birthday St John's Church (corner of St John's Vale and Loampit Hill) is holding a number of special events during the year:

Sponsored run Saturday 9 July 10.00 am starting at St John's. A fundraising event organised by St John's Men's Group. Keep fit and raise money to help the church develop community use of its hall. Contact Eric Coudjoe tel 020 8299 5429 email e_coudjoe@yahoo.co.uk

Bell ringing Bonanza 4.30 pm Saturday 9 July (*this is not the only time the bells will be rung this year!*)

All age musical extravaganza Saturday 16 July 7.00 pm. An opportunity for local musicians to share their talents. If you would like to take part please contact Rupert Bond tel 020 8691 0691 email rupert.bond@virgin.net.

Many happy returns...The birthday itself Sunday 17 July 3.00 pm. Festival Worship with the Bishop of Southwark. Food afterwards

Children's Funday Saturday 27 August

These events are open to all. St John's is your parish church. Join in the celebrations!

For more details contact the vicar Rev Christine Bainbridge tel 020 8692 2857

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Useful Numbers:

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Anti Social Behaviour Officers	020 8314 6233
Noise Nuisance (daytime)	020 8314 9035
Noise Nuisance (5pm on)	020 8314 6000
Abandoned Cars	020 8314 2057
Graffiti	020 8314 2019
Housing issues/neighbour disputes	020 8314 6923
Confidential Drugs Hotline (24 hrs)	020 8314 3656
Planning department at Lewisham	020 8314 7400
Fly Tipping / Environmental helpline.....	020 8314 7171
St Johns Society	07010 700 610*

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*mobile rates may apply