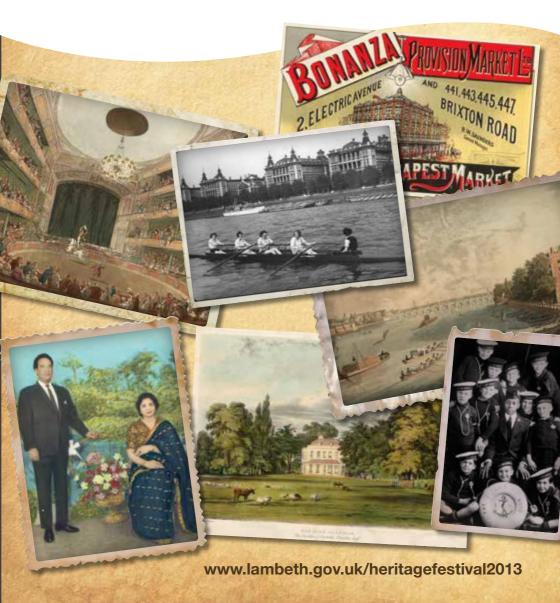


Lambeth Heritage Festival, September 2013

A month-long festival led by Lambeth Archives





Foreword

I'm delighted to invite you to take part in Lambeth's first Heritage Festival. There is a superb programme of talks, walks and events taking place throughout September 2013. From a talk on the 100 year history of King's College Hospital to a walk celebrating the Women of the South Bank and opportunities to find out how to research the history of your home, Lambeth's Heritage Festival offers a broad and fascinating insight into the history of our wonderful borough.

The Festival incorporates Open House weekend, when private properties in Lambeth will be opening their doors to visitors, and Lambeth Archives annual open day on 28 September. This year the theme of the open day will be 1913 and will include speakers on the suffragettes, local Edwardian architecture, a talk on 'Black Edwardians' and a discussion on the pre recruitment lives of local First World War soldiers. It is particularly fitting that the suffragettes are featured as Cllr Mark Bennett, Mayor of Lambeth, recently discovered that Emily Wilding Davison began her journey to the Epsom Derby on 4 June 1913 from 133 Clapham Rd, where she was lodging.

We have also started planning for our commemoration of the First World War, which will run from 2014 to 2018,

and will provide opportunities to reflect and learn. I'm particularly pleased that work has already commenced on the restoration of Lambeth's war memorials.

The Heritage Festival has been created and organised jointly by Lambeth Archives and the Lambeth Local History Forum, and I'd like to thank everyone involved for their enthusiasm and expertise in creating what I hope will be the first of many annual Lambeth Heritage Festivals. I'd also like to thank LASSCO for their support. The Cooperative Council is very much about council staff working together with local residents, community organisations and local businesses, and the Lambeth Heritage Festival embodies this ethos.



Councillor Sally Prentice, Cabinet Member for Culture and Leisure, Lambeth Council

Programme of Events

Walk – Knights Hill and Norwood Rd

Date: Sunday 1 September **Venue:** Meet outside Rosebery's,

74 Knights Hill, SE27 0JD **Times:** 11am and 1.30pm

Retracing a path across what was once known as Lower Norwood – places where a time-travelling pedestrian could once have seen leafy villas, squat terraces and an orphanage. Scheduled to coincide with West Norwood Feast, the monthly volunteer led market, there will be two tours, each lasting about 45 minutes.

Tour – West Norwood Cemetery

Date: Sunday 1 September **Venue:** Meet inside the main gates of West Norwood Cemetery,

Norwood Rd, SE27 9JU

Time 2.30pm

A tour of Lambeth's finest Victorian cemetery, led by Colin Fenn of the Friends of West Norwood Cemetery. Free, but donations are welcome.

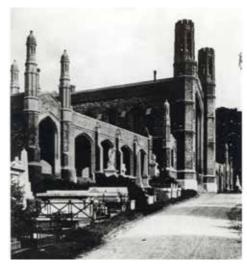
Talk – Tracing the history of your Streatham house

Date: Monday 2 September **Venue:** Woodlawns Centre, 16 Leigham Court Rd, SW16 2PJ

Time: 8pm

Brian Bloice of the Streatham Society and Len Reilly of Lambeth Archives join forces to tell the story of Streatham's development as a suburb and to explain the sources and help that Lambeth Archives can provide to trace the history of its houses and buildings.

Booking is essential as places are limited, to reserve your place please e-mail: archives@lambeth.gov.uk or tel. 020 7926 6076.



West Norwood Cemetery, c. 1890. The Church of England chapel and cloisters.

Walk – Vauxhall: a nice place in the country?

Date: Wednesday 4 September **Venue:** Meet at the café in Vauxhall

Park, Fentiman Rd, SW8 **Time:** 12.30pm-1.30pm

A Vauxhall One guided walk posing and answering the question 'Could Vauxhall ever have been a suburb?' Walk led by Len Reilly of Lambeth Archives.

Booking is essential as places are limited, to reserve your place please go to: www.vauxhallone.co.uk

Talk - Tracing the history of your Herne Hill house

Date: Wednesday 4 September **Venue:** Carnegie Library, 188 Herne Hill Rd, SE24 0AG

Time: 7pm

Alan Piper of the Brixton Society and Len Reilly of Lambeth Archives join forces to tell the story of Herne Hill's development as a suburb and to explain the sources and help that Lambeth Archives can provide to trace the history of its houses and buildings.





Plans of new houses on Brantwood Rd, Herne Hill, 1925.

Walk – 300 Years of Lambeth's Black History

Date: Saturday 7 September **Venue:** Meet outside Brixton Library, Brixton Oval, SW1 1JQ

Time: 11am

A walk led by author and local historian Steve Martin, which traces the roots of the Notting Hill Carnival, Black publishing and theatres. This walk between Brixton and Minet libraries will also touch on an overlooked Black Edwardian Pan-Africanist and the impact of the Windrush arrivals on Lambeth in 1948.



Steel band at Lambeth Festival, Rosendale Rd. 1961.

Walk - Highways and byways

Date: Sunday 8 September

Venue: Meet at Streatham Station, Streatham High Rd, SW16 3PY

Time: 2.30pm

A walk led by Graham Gower of the Streatham Society, through the streets of Streatham. It will pass through an area which saw some of the first suburban development that would transform what had been a rural environment geared to agriculture, into a bustling and expanding south London suburb.

Talk – Lambeth – local history and the digital world

Date: Tuesday 10 September **Venue:** South Lambeth Library, 180 South Lambeth Rd, SW8 1QP

Time: 7pm

Len Reilly of Lambeth Archives offers an introduction to web sources that you can use to find out more about Lambeth and local history.

Walk and talk – Women of the South Bank

Date: Wednesday 11 September **Venue:** Meet at South Bank Mosaics,

The Crypt, St John's Church,

Waterloo Rd, SE1 1TJ

Time: 2pm

Women have played an equal role throughout history, but often their work is unmentioned. This walk around various mosaic portraits of the women who have played a part in the development of the South Bank area, from Eleanor Coade to Mary Wollstonecraft and, in our own day, Jude Kelly, is led by David Tootill of Southbank Mosaics.



Catherine Blake, 1762-1831. Southbank Mosaics.

Talk – 100 years of King's College Hospital

Date: Wednesday 11 September **Venue:** Herne Hill United Reformed Church, Red Post Hill, SE24 9PW

Time: 7.45pm

This talk, organised by the Herne Hill Society, explores the history of King's College Hospital. The hospital has achieved national media attention with the TV series "24 Hours in A&E", but the talk looks at the services and care it has given to the people of south London over the last century.

Talk – Playing Detective – some investigations in Brixton's local history

Date: Thursday 12 September **Venue:** Vida Walsh Centre, 2B Saltoun Rd, SW2 1EP

Time: 7pm-9pm

Organised by the Brixton Society, there will be two short illustrated talks with a local history display to view in the interval. Light refreshments will be provided.



Brixton Market, Atlantic Rd, Brixton, c. 1910.

Event – Brixton Windmill guided tours

Date: Saturday 14 September

Venue: Brixton Windmill, Blenheim Gardens, SW2 5EU

Time: 2pm-5pm

Visit the "two mills in one" and hear the fascinating story of the Ashby family. You will also see the original wind-powered machinery and find out about how it was once used to make stoneground flour.

Booking is essential as places are limited, please reserve your place at: www.brixtonwindmill.org/visit

Walk - Brixton Market

Date: Saturday 14 September

Venue: Meet at the junction of Beehive Place and Brixton Station Rd, SW9 7DG

Time: 2.30pm

The development of Brixton Market parallels the development of Brixton itself, from a largely rural area to the bustling town centre of today. This walk, organised by the Brixton Society, through the iconic markets tells that story.

Event - Ride + Stride

Date: Saturday 14 September **Venue:** Various participating places of worship in London

Walkers and cyclists are sponsored to visit as many places of worship in a day.

More information is available at: www.heritageoflondon.com/ride-stride

Walk - Brixton murals

Date: Sunday 15 September

Venue: Meet outside Stockwell Tube Station, 256 Clapham Rd, SW9 9AE

Time: 11am

In the 1980s the streets of Brixton became a canvas for the colourful and frequently political work of London mural artists. Their history and context will be explained by Ruth Miller of the London Mural Preservation Society.



Still waving to save our murals, London Mural Preservation Society, 2012.

Talk - Comedians: theatrical connections

Date: Monday 16 September

Venue: Durning Library,

167 Kennington Lane, SE11 4HF

Time: 7pm

Barbara Thomas explores her family roots among the comic actors of Victorian popular theatres in Lambeth and South London. Talk organised by the Friends of Durning Library.

Talk – The local listing of buildings

Date: Monday 16 September **Venue:** Woodlawns Centre, 16 Leigham Court Rd, SW16 2PJ

Time: 8pm

A talk organised by the Streatham Society and given by Doug Black, Lambeth Council's Conservation Officer, on buildings in Lambeth of historic or architectural interest and worthy of protection.

Author event – Neil McKenna – Fanny and Stella: the young men who shocked Victorian England

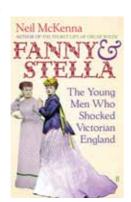
Date: Tuesday 17 September

Venue: Clapham Library, Mary Seacole Centre, 91 Clapham High St, SW4 7DB

Time: 7.30pm

Neil McKenna, award winning journalist and author Of 'Fanny and Stella', talks about the trial that shook Victorian England – a tale of cross-dressing,

cross-examinations and the invention of camp. This impeccably researched book places the story firmly within its historical context, without distracting the reader from the stars of this show.



Talk - Sew over it

Date: Wednesday 18 September **Venue:** Clapham Manor Primary School, Belmont Rd, SW4 0BZ

Time: 8pm

In this event organised by the Clapham Society, proprietor of sewing café "Sew Over It" talks about sewing and her role in its revival.

Talk- Letters to the editor: Norwood News

Date: Thursday 19 September

Venue: Phoenix Centre, 66 Westow St, SE19 6AF

Time: 8pm

Organised by the Norwood Society, a talk by John Hickman, covering letters to the editor, and some answers published in local newspapers between 1888 and 1918.

Talk – Brunswick House Railway Institute: a story of collective selfhelp on the railways

Date: Thursday 19 September **Venue:** Brunswick House, 30 Wandsworth Rd, SW8 2LG

Time: 7pm

The arrival of the railway at Nine Elms in 1838 brought in its wake large numbers of skilled and semiskilled railway workers. Slowly they developed trade unions and social organisations. Parallel with this were the facilities provided by the railway company, particularly those at Brunswick House. From within what became the railwaymen's own club house, Sean Creighton will explore the rich organisational life that supported local railway workers, especially that which took place at the Institute.

Event - Open House

Date: Saturday 21 September-

Sunday 22 September

Venue: A number of venues

From the medieval and Tudor splendours of Lambeth Palace to the state-of-the-art energy-efficient house at Loughborough Junction, Open House London gives free and unlimited access to the architectural delights of Lambeth. The cool art deco of Pullman Court, the municipal Edwardian pomp of Lambeth Town Hall, the wannabe landmark that is Clapham's new library... they are all there for the looking.

Pick up a brochure in your nearest library or download it from: www.londonopenhouse.org



Lambeth Town hall, 1930s.

Walk – Walking in the shoes of Vincent Van Gogh

Date: Saturday 21 September **Venue:** Meet at 87 Hackford Rd,

SW9 0RE Time: 2pm

When Vincent Van Gogh lived in Hackford Rd he wrote happily of his time in Stockwell and the walks he enjoyed into town and out into the countryside. Led by George Wright as one of the 'Secret Lambeth' walks, this will be an easy stroll from Vincent Van Gogh's former lodgings taking in many of the local sights and sounds that the artist would have seen in the 1870s.

More information is available at: www.vangoghwalk.org



87 Hackford Rd, 2013

Workshop - Disabled People Making History

Date: Monday 23 September

Venue: Accord Centre, 336 Brixton Rd, SW9 7AA

Time: 7pm

Disabled people in Lambeth have a rich history but one which is largely hidden from view. Local groups are developing a new Disability History Resource. Join us to find out more about this exciting project and our plans to mark UK Disability History Month 22nd November – 22nd December in Lambeth.

Talk – Tracing the history of your Clapham house

Date: Tuesday 24 September **Venue:** Clapham Library,

91 Clapham High St, SW4 7DB

Time: 7pm

Peter Jefferson Smith of the Clapham Society and Jon Newman of Lambeth Archives join forces to tell the story of Clapham's development as a suburb and to explain the sources and help that Lambeth Archives can provide to trace the history of its houses and buildings.

Workshops – Sources for house history

Date: Wednesday 25 September

Venue: Lambeth Archives, 52 Knatchbull Rd, SE5 9QY

Times: 2pm and 6pm

For anyone interested in tracing the history of houses in Lambeth these workshops are a great starting point. You will be introduced to using and interpreting original documents like maps, building plans, census and rate books that together can be used to build up the history of houses or buildings in the borough.

Booking is essential as places are limited, to reserve your place please e-mail: archives@lambeth.gov.uk or tel: 020 7926 6076.

Talk – Tracing the history of your Kennington house

Date: Thursday 26 September

Venue: Durning Library,

167 Kennington Lane, SE11 4HF

Time: 7pm

Andrew Saint of English Heritage, Ross
Davies of The Vauxhall Society and
Jon Newman of Lambeth Archives join
forces to tell the story of Kennington's
development as a suburb and to explain
the sources and help that Lambeth
Archives can provide to trace the history
of houses and buildings. Refreshments
provided by the Friends of Durning Library.

Walk – William Blake and the Archbishops

Date: Thursday 26 September

Venue: Meet outside Lambeth Palace,

Lambeth Palace Rd, SE1 7JU

Time: 12 noon

A walk around north Lambeth to uncover the associations between the poet and artist William Blake, who lived on Hercules Rd in the 1790s, and his near-neighbours, the Archbishops of Canterbury, whose gardens at Lambeth Palace are still the second largest private garden in London. Walk led by Jon Newman of Lambeth Archives.



Black Cultural Archives.

Brain of Lambeth Quiz

Date: Thursday 26 September **Venue:** Lambeth Town Hall corner of

Acre Lane & Brixton Hill. SW2 1RW

Time: 7.30pm

Organised by the Lambethans, a lighthearted quiz for teams of up to four members, with rounds of questions on general knowledge topics and the history of Lambeth and London.

To register a team please email: Moore309@hotmail.com or tel. 020 8677 6490.

Tour – Black Cultural Archives' collections

Date: Friday 27 September **Venue:** Black Cultural Archives, 1 Othello Close, SE11 4RE

Time: 10am-3pm

The Black Cultural Archives, Britain's foremost centre for black heritage, is based in Lambeth. It relocates to new premises next year, so this is the time to take a final look behind the scenes at its' Kennington site, to see some of the diverse collections and to discuss the facilities and services of the new site at Brixton. There will be four tours for groups of up to ten people at 10.00am, 11.00am, 2.00pm and 3.00pm.

Booking is essential as places are limited, to reserve your place please e-mail: info@bcaheritage.org.uk or tel. 020 7582 8516

1913 - Edwardian swansong

Lambeth Archives open day

Date: Saturday 28 September

Venue: Lambeth Archives, 52 Knatchbull

Rd, SE5 9QY and lectures at The

Michael Church, Burton Rd

Time: 10am-5pm

A day-long programme of talks, exhibitions, stalls from local organisations, and children's activities. The day is loosely focused on the period a century ago, just before the outbreak of World War I. This was a time of social and political change, sometimes controversial, and for the small number of people who could afford it, of extravagance.

10.15am-10.45am

Jon Newman, Lambeth Archives

No longer Victorian, not yet modern:

Lambeth on the eve of the Great War

10.45am-11.30am

Katherine Colloy, Emily Wilding Davison Memorial Campaign

Under the King's horse

Edwardian Britain was characterised by social unrest with militant campaigns for better wages and votes for women. In 1911 women workers in south London stopped work and demonstrated in the streets. How did the suffragettes respond to the strike and what did they learn from the women workers?

11.45am-12.30pm

Dan Todman, Queen Mary, University of London

Taking the King's shilling

Dr Todman will talk about his research project looking at the pre-war lives of local recruits and conscripted soldiers. This examines their social and family circumstances and offers fascinating evidence that helps explain their motivation for taking the King's shilling.

2.15pm-3.00pm

Jeffrey P. Green, Historian

Black Edwardians

Jeffrey Green is an independent scholar who has researched the black presence in Britain for thirty years, written three books, numerous articles, and has made radio and television appearances.

3.15pm-4.00pm

Edmund Bird, Heritage Advisor to the Greater London Authority

Edwardian buildings of Lambeth then and now

To coincide with the launch of the second edition of Lambeth's Edwardian Splendours, Edmund will be exploring how the borough's early twentieth century heritage has fared over the last 100 years. He will assess how buildings have been adapted, converted to new uses or occasionally, why they were destroyed.

More information is available at www.lambeth.gov.uk/archivesopenday

Lambeth reading groups

As part of the Heritage Festival many of Lambeth libraries reading groups will be discussing works with a particular local and/or historical flavour during September.

South Lambeth Library: My beautiful launderette - Hanif Kureishi

Date: Thursday 12 September **Venue:** South Lambeth Library, 180 South Lambeth Rd. SW8 1QP

Time: 6.30pm-8pm

Hanif Kureishi's screenplay set in London during the Thatcher era tackles issues of racism, homosexuality and political change. Set in their launderette owned by Omar's uncle, the story focuses on Omar, a young Pakistani man living in London, and his reunion and eventual romance with his old friend, a street punk named Johnny. The film was, of course shot in a South Lambeth laundrette on Wilcox Rd.

Waterloo Library:

Round about a pound a week Maud Pember Reeves

Date: Thursday 12 September **Venue:** Waterloo Library, 114-8 Lower Marsh, SE1 7AE **Time:** 6.30pm-8pm

How did the poor of Lambeth survive in 1913 and what was important to them - death insurance when you got

pregnant or coal for the fire? The Fabian Women's Group's practical response to the poverty of the women of Lambeth gives vivid descriptions of the lives of working class people.



Cut Market, Waterloo, 1896.

Minet Library: In the year of the jubilee - George Gissing

Date: Tuesday 17 September Venue: Minet Library, 52 Knatchbull Rd. SE5 9QY

Time: 6.30pm-8.30pm

Written in 1893 Jubilee follows the romantic and sexual initiation of its suburban heroine, Nancy Lord. With Gissing's view of female emancipation at its core, part of what makes this such a fascinating, albeit at times infuriating read is the current of tension pulsing through its pages. It is also a thoroughly south London novel; the action is set around Camberwell Green and the book was written while Gissing was living just a few doors down from the Minet Library on Burton Road.



Minet Library, Knatchbull Rd, 1890.

Brixton Library:

Being light – Helen Smith

Date: Thursday 19 September

Venue: Brixton Library, Brixton Oval, SW2 1JQ **Time:** 7pm-8.30pm

Roy Travers is swept away from Brockwell Park by a freak gust of wind. Sheila, his wife begins to suspect he has been abducted by aliens and enlists the help of Mrs Fitzgerald's Bureau of Investigation to find him. But the truth in this surreal satire with its many seemingly unrelated quirky characters is far stranger than aliens.

If you would like to join one of the Lambeth Libraries reading groups please e-mail Tim O'Dell, Lambeth Reader Development Officer at to'dell@lambeth.gov.uk

West Norwood Library:

The magic toyshop - Angela Carter

Date: Tuesday 24 September **Venue:** West Norwood Library, 14-16 Knights Hill, SE27 0HY **Time:** 6.30pm-8.30pm

This unsettling book with echoes of Giselle, Coppelia and Lewis Carroll is set in south London. Written in 1987 it follows the development of the orphaned Melanie, as she becomes aware of herself, her environment, and her own sexuality. Sex, incest, feminism and a sinister magical realism are all weirdly intertwined.

Clapham Library:

Capital – John Lanchester

Date: Thursday 26 September

Venue: Clapham Library, Mary Seacole Centre, 91 Clapham High St, SW4 7DB

Time: 7pm-8.30pm

Lanchester's "Big fat London" novel focuses on one south London street and its characters. We follow a small cross-section of the inhabitants and the people who come to work for them, over a year in which the settled citizens interact with the newcomers (Polish builder, Hungarian nanny) who are trying to negotiate a place for themselves in British society. Lanchester's latest state-of-the-nation story is assumed to be set in Clapham.

Exhibitions

Green Fuse: The work of Dan Pearson

Date: Runs until Sunday 20 October 2013

Venue: Garden Museum, Lambeth Palace Rd, SE1 7LB **Time:** Generally daily, but please tel. 020 7401 8865

13

An exhibition about the work of local garden designer Dan Pearson, including a specially designed planting in the museum's grounds. Admission charge applies.

Waterloo Sights and Sounds

Date: Thursday 19 to Wednesday 25 September

Venue: Waterloo Action Centre, 14 Baylis Rd, SE1 7AA

Time: Daily 11am-6pm

Coin St Community Builders offer an exciting programme of art, photography, sound recordings, activities, walks and workshops in celebration of local history in Waterloo and the surrounding area. Funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund and Arts Council England.

Information about exhibitions and events by the Coin St Community Builders is available on their website at: www.cointstreet.org

Lambeth Treasures: A Celebration of our Neighbourhood

Date: Sunday 1 June - Sunday

8 September 2013

Venue: Spirit Level, Royal Festival Hall, Southbank Centre, Belvedere

Rd, London, SE1 8XX **Time:** 10am -11pm



Lambeth Treasures takes visitors on a journey through the borough, inviting them to uncover a number of hidden gems and unexpected stories along the way. Through a combination of archive material, commissioned artworks, objects, films and installations, the exhibition shows how Lambeth has been shaped by its location and key events, and most importantly celebrates the people who have made and make it the diverse, creative and thriving borough it is today.

Booking

All events are free and require no booking, unless otherwise stated.

A copy of this brochure can also be downloaded from:

www.lambeth.gov.uk/heritagefestival2013

Every effort has been made to ensure that the information provided is correct at the time of going to print but there may be unavoidable last minute changes in events

Lambeth Libraries and Archives

Libraries Contact details:

Lambeth Archives

Minet Library, 52 Knatchbull Rd,

SE5 9QY

Phone: 020 7926 6076

Email: archives@lambeth.gov.uk **Web:** www.lambeth.gov.uk/archives

Web: www.lambeth.gov.uk/heritagefestival2013 **Why not follow us on twitter?** @LambethArchives

Brixton Library

Brixton Oval, SW2 1JQ

Tel: 020 7926 1056

Carnegie Library

188 Herne Hill Rd, SE24 0AG

Tel: 020 7926 6050

Clapham Library

Mary Seacole Centre, 91 Clapham High St, SW4 7DB

5004 / DB

Tel: 020 7926 0717

Durning Library

167 Kennington Lane, SE11 4HF

Tel: 020 7926 8682

Minet Library

52 Knatchbull Rd, SE5 9QY

Tel: 020 7926 6073

South Lambeth Library

180 South Lambeth Rd, SW8 1QP

Tel: 020 7926 0705

Streatham Library

63 Streatham High Rd, SW16 1PL

Tel: 020 7926 6768

Waterloo Library

114-118 Lower Marsh, SF1 7AG

Tel: 020 7926 8750

West Norwood

Library (temporary)
The Old Library Centre,

14-16 Knights Hill,

SE27 0HY

Tel: 020 7926 8092

www.lambeth.gov.uk/libraries

Contributing Organisations

Black Cultural Archives

Brixton Society

Coin St Community Builders

Friends of Brixton Windmill

Friends of Durning Library

Friends of Tate South Lambeth Library

Friends of West Norwood Cemetery

Garden Museum

Heritage of London Trust

Herne Hill Society

Lambeth Disability Action

Lambeth Local History Forum

Lambeth Palace

Lambethans

LASSCO- Brunswick House

London Mural Preservation Society

Michael Church, Burton Rd, SW9 6TG

Minet Conservation Association

Norwood Society

Open House London

Queen Mary, University of London

Southbank Centre

Southbank Mosaics

Streatham Society

Van Gogh Walk

Vauxhall One

Vauxhall Society



BRUNSWICK HOUSE

Brunswick House is a magnificent mansion, a relic of the glorious days of Vauxhall and its pleasure gardens and now home to The London Architectural Salvage and Supply Co (LASSCO) where reclaimed furniture and vintage paraphernalia jostle with an eclectic display of beautiful antiques in each room. Everything is for sale! Private dining, corporate meetings and receptions are held in the saloon, smoking room, study, parlour and the panelled library. Catering is provided in house by the highly acclaimed chefs of the Brunswick House Café.



30 WANDSWORTH RD, SW8 2LG TEL: 020 7394 2100

Lambeth's Edwardian Splendours, a second edition







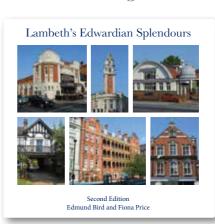






Specially republished for the Lambeth Heritage Festival

Edmund Bird's detailed study of the architecture of a south London borough was first published in 2010 and quickly sold out. This second edition with a fully revised text, many new images and studies of over twenty more Lambeth buildings is republished by Lambeth Archives, price £9.00. Available from all Lambeth Libraries or email: archives@lambeth.gov.uk



Don't miss Edmund's illustrated talk at Lambeth Archives Open Day on the 28th September