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Streatham Festival is back and this year bigger and better. 3 to 7 July will see entertainment and excitement indoors and out – all with a distinctive Streatham flavour

# Time to Party!

Forget Cannes – the first-ever Streatham Film Festival takes place on 4 July in St. Leonard's Church, with films by local people and/or about Streatham.

The weekend gets off to a flying start on Saturday morning with carnival costume and drumming workshops, followed by a soul-filled world music event FREE from 2pm on Streatham Common – headline act is the world famous Madagascan musician, Modeste, plus Immanuel School's steel band, choirs and much more.

The Streatham Choral Society's Summer celebratory concert is in St. Leonard's on Saturday evening.

July 6 sees poetry and drama workshops, followed by an afternoon stroll in the knowledgeable hands of the Streatham Society pointing out the delights of the Common and a picnic in the company of Shakespeare's *Two Gentleman of Verona* in the grass theatre at the Rookery - one of many events organised by the Friends of Streatham Common who have worked for many years keeping the tradition of entertainment on the Common alive.

Sunday evening is cabaret night at St. Leonard's featuring local jazz singers, comedy,

choirs and musicians with local resident Jeremy Hardy topping the bill. On Monday evening the Streatham Society opens its doors for a talk on Streatham's rich architectural history.

There will be local art on display in Holmes Place and elsewhere, and events at the pool and leisure centre.

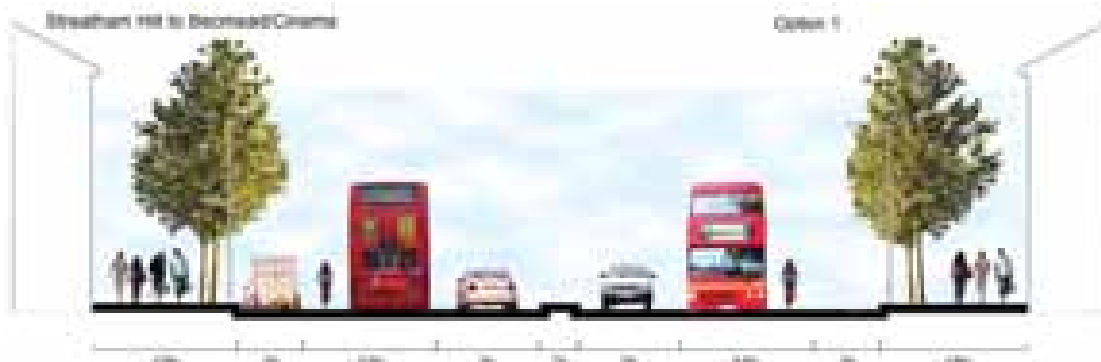
Tickets on sale at Streatham Library. Kente Coffee House, Streatham High Road, is the official Festival Café, with up to date programme information.

Thanks to the Neighbourhood Renewal Fund, Streatham Society, Minet Trust, Lambeth Endowed Charities, South London Press and Streatham Post for funding and sponsorship.

Says Festival founder Mel Jennings: "Over 600 people had a great time last year, and we're expecting thousands this year celebrating our friendliness and our diversity. The Festival gives us the chance to get together creatively and enjoy our beautiful historic parks and buildings – and to have some fun!"

More information: Call the Town Centre Office on 020 8769 9671, email [llevane@lambeth.gov.uk](mailto:llevane@lambeth.gov.uk) or look at the website [www.streathamfestival.info](http://www.streathamfestival.info)

# Streatham High Road - "not the worst..."



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Work has started on the High Road - unfairly dubbed the worst street in Britain - with £790,000 funding for a two-year programme of improvements.

Research on how pedestrians, cyclists and drivers use the road has finished, and this is feeding into proposals to make the road safer for all, including more crossing points and removing the central reservation. The road itself is managed by Transport for London (TfL) and we

are working very closely with them to get the best results for Streatham.

Work already carried out includes removing dented barriers, unnecessary signposts and other pavement clutter, coating street furniture with anti-graffiti and fly-posting paint, cleaning

the pavements and removing chewing gum.

TfL will start major streetscape improvements in late summer, from Becmead Avenue to St. Leonard's. Work will continue on other sections after the Christmas shopping period, gradually extending to the whole of the High Road.

## Let's do **breakfast**

The new independent business partnership Streatham Business Focus looks set to be a big success story following a second business breakfast at Holmes Place Health Club, Ockley Road, where more than fifty businesses heard about the improvements planned for Streatham High Road.

Members will actively promote Streatham as a good place to do business, said Sola Ogundipe, Interim Chair. "It is always positive to see businesses and local authorities working together on matters of common interest - and this is proving to be the case in Streatham."

A regular Business Advice and Support Clinic now operates on Thursday mornings at the Town Centre office, and a Streatham Business Toolkit, packed with information and advice, will also be available shortly, free of charge.

More information: call Jessica Tuakli, Town Centre Business and Economic Regeneration Officer, on 020 8769 9671 or email [jtuakli@lambeth.gov.uk](mailto:jtuakli@lambeth.gov.uk)

## New action on crime

Local people in the Crime Working group are setting the agenda for police and council to make a real difference on law and order



Don't forget to secure windows and doors when you go out in the summer. That's the message of the "Shut Out Crime in Streatham" campaign, backed by stickers designed by Tara Lacey, from Dunraven School, pictured with Julia Ajayi from the town centre and PC Paul Dawsett

RALPH BECKFORD

A new Community Safety Officer starts work this month at the Town Centre office, supporting the Crime Working Group's local Streatham Crime Reduction Action Plan - backed by an extra £50,000 for the area.

The plan recognises that local people must be involved in saying what needs to be done and making sure that the police, different council departments and other agencies deliver the goods.



## in brief

**Streatham Hub** In February the Lambeth Planning Committee recommended approval of Tesco's plans for the site from the south of Streatham station to the old Bus Garage. However neither the council nor Ken Livingstone will back the scheme without firm guarantees on leisure provision, most obviously the ice rink. The council is now working closely with the Mayor's office, Tesco and leisure consultants to move things forward.

**Lifelong Learning** The Streatham Community Development Worker is working with schools and other agencies to bring more adult education to the area, and secure funding for courses in the autumn. Let us know about any courses you would like to see, or venues we may not have thought of. Email [jajayi@lambeth.gov.uk](mailto:jajayi@lambeth.gov.uk)

**Grant Aid** Local groups and businesses are now more secure or better equipped thanks to grants from the Town Centre. The cash went on security help for small businesses in some of the areas not covered by CCTV, equipment and training for youth clubs, community groups and older people's services.

**Fancy a Farmer's Market?** It could be one of the first results of the new Development Trust for the area. It is all about making Streatham a better place to live and work in, by developing and supporting local projects, helping communities and businesses improve their skills and knowledge, and generally contributing to building a positive sense of identity, says founder member Ian Beever. To get involved or find out more please call Ian on 020 8679 2565 or email [developstreatham@btopenworld.com](mailto:developstreatham@btopenworld.com)

## Streatham Area Committee - making decisions locally

This new committee is made up of the twelve local councillors representing Streatham Hill, St. Leonard's, Streatham Wells and Streatham South wards. A work programme has been agreed and one of the committee's highest priorities is the improvement of Streatham Hill and High Road.

The committee will also be responsible for monitoring the delivery of the Streatham Crime Plan, deciding on some environmental improvements for the area and much more.

It will meet eight times a year. The next three meetings are:

- 10 July (At Immanuel Church, Streatham High Road – opposite Streatham Common)
- 10 September
- 29 October

(Other venues not confirmed at the time of going to press. For more information please contact the Town Centre Office on 020 8769 9671 or email: [llevane@lambeth.gov.uk](mailto:llevane@lambeth.gov.uk))

The first half hour of every meeting is for local deputations or individuals to raise any topic that is of interest or concern to them about Streatham. This is your chance to take part in democracy in action and have your say. See you there!

## Voluntary Project Development Officers wanted

Elixart Studios – Streatham, a not for profit organisation, will provide a vibrant business centre in which tenants can enjoy affordable, creative business space in a progressive, energetic environment, with community access to creative education and training, volunteer and employment opportunities.

Find out more from Alisha Newman on 07855 807 333, or email [elixartstudios@hotmail.com](mailto:elixartstudios@hotmail.com)

**Streatham Village heritage walk.** 17 Sep, 2.30pm. Meet St Leonards Church. Info: email [admin@streathamsociety.org.uk](mailto:admin@streathamsociety.org.uk)

## Town Centre meetings

### Streatham Town Centre Forum

All are welcome at the next forum meeting, where the main topic is "working to reduce crime in Streatham".

**7.30pm, Tuesday 15 July 2003**

St Leonard's Church (corner of Streatham High Road and Tooting Bec Gardens). Senior council and police representatives invited.

### Business Forums (quarterly)

- 23 June
- 29 September

### Business Breakfasts (quarterly)

the Clubroom, Holmes Place, Ockley Road.

- 29 July 8am–10am
- 28 October 8am–10am

More details from Jessica Tuakli on 020 8769 9671 or email [jtuakli@lambeth.gov.uk](mailto:jtuakli@lambeth.gov.uk)

For details on all Town Centre Forum, Partnership Board, Crime Working Group and Festival Working Group meetings please contact the Town Centre Office on 020 8769 9671.

## Contacting your local councillors

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*Surgeries: Every Saturday 11am-12.30pm, Streatham Tate Library, Streatham High Road, SW16*

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- **John Kazantzis** (Lab) 020 8677 9199 [jkazantzis@lambeth.gov.uk](mailto:jkazantzis@lambeth.gov.uk)
- **Tim Sargeant** (Lab) 020 7733 2475 [tsargeant@lambeth.gov.uk](mailto:tsargeant@lambeth.gov.uk)

*Surgeries: 10am-11am, 1st Sat, Streatham Pool, Streatham High Road, SW16: (with Keith HillIMP) 7pm-8pm, 2nd Fri - Holy Redeemer Church, corner Streatham Vale and Churchmore Rd, SW16 7pm, 3rd Saturday - Shree Swaminaryan Centre, corner Colmer Rd and Ellison Rd 10.30am-11.30am, Last Saturday of the month -*

*Immanuel and St. Andrew's Church Hall, 452 Streatham High Road*

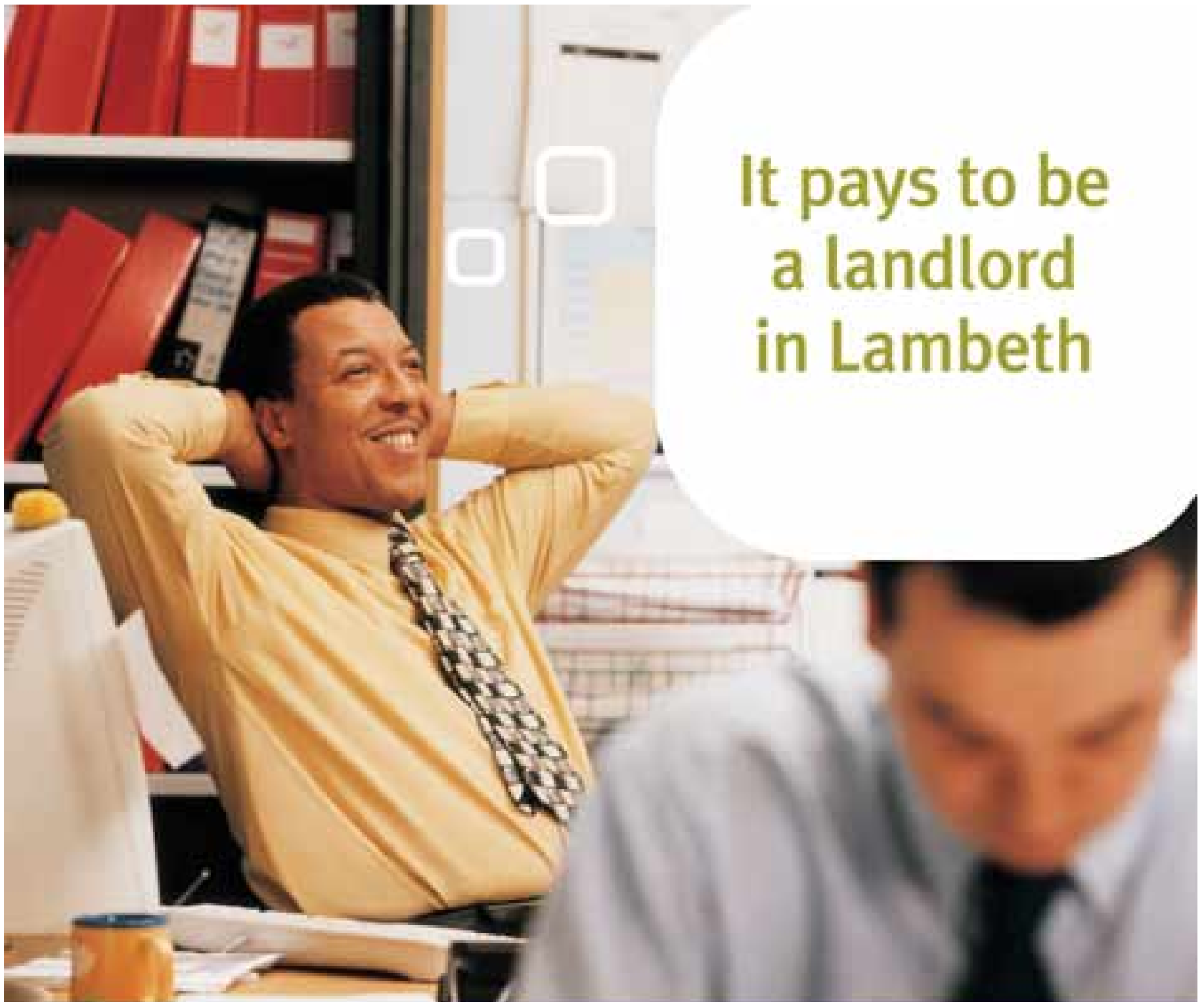
### St Leonard's

- **Roger Giess** (Lib Dem) 020 8378 0475 [rgiess@Lambeth.gov.uk](mailto:rgiess@Lambeth.gov.uk)
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