

Norwood eye



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Wannabe footballers at the St Julian's Farm Field

"Hidden Treasure" Playing Fields should not be built over

St. Julian's Farm Field's development plans rejected

The decision comes as a relief to residents determined to keep the site as a much needed green space. Planners received 86 objections to the development plans, for 24 flats and a bowling green, and decided the proposal was an unacceptable loss of open space.

The fields are hidden away in the centre of the block bordered by St. Julian's Farm Road, Leigham Court Road, and Uffington Road. Owned by the Girls' Day School Trust, they have been unused and overgrown for nearly 20 years.

Residents called for the site to remain "green" at a public meeting in October last year when building

ideas including part social housing were first considered by developers. Another public meeting in May this year looked at the detailed plans – and voted unanimously against building on the site.

The site should be kept primarily as a playing field, for sport and leisure activities, with controlled public access, residents said. At least three local schools – Julian's, Dunraven and Crown Lane – as well as local children and youth groups, would benefit from extra playing field space.

The applicants have six months to appeal against the decision. For more information, please contact Norwood Town Centre Office on 020 7926 8096.

Suburbia gets its own website

Just how did Norwood (originally the "wood north of Croydon") get swallowed up by the city? And how did Streatham change from a Surrey village to a bustling suburb in only 30 years?

To answer these questions a new website illustrating the history of suburbia has just been set up by Lambeth and five other south-east London councils.

Drawing on local history resources across the area, the website - tagged 'Ideal Homes: Suburbia in Focus' - looks at how and why suburbs have developed – with special features on Norwood and Streatham and a wealth of maps, pictures and documents. Check it out at www.ideal-homes.org.uk

East London Line extension setback

Plans to bring the East London Line extension through Tulse Hill have been dropped in favour of a route through Clapham Junction. And services through West Norwood and Gipsy Hill and from Norwood to Beckenham Junction could also be at risk from East London Line and Tramlink proposals. To find out more contact Norwood Town Centre office on 020 7926 8096.

in brief

A long-term plan for modernisation and renovation is needed for Rosendale Playing Fields. That's the message from the Norwood Area Committee, which has told the Council Executive that the playing fields are a valuable community asset. Plans for future management will now be drawn up and meetings held with the Dulwich Estate to resolve outstanding issues on the lease.

Green fingered? Why not enter your garden into the Norwood Action Group garden competition. Categories include front and back gardens, balconies and patios, business/commercial, communal, schools and youth clubs. One entry per garden. To be in by 30 June in the special post box in West Norwood Library or by post to NAG, c/o Town Centre Office, West Norwood Library, 1 Norwood High Street, London SE27 9JX, with name, address, category and phone number (mark envelopes "Norwood Gardens Competition"). Information/offers of help please call NAG on 020 8766 6256 www.norwoodaction.org.uk And don't miss the Lambeth Horticultural Society Summer Show, Saturday 6 September, The Nettlefold Hall, West Norwood Library Centre, 2pm to 5pm. All are welcome, admission free.

Does your shop front need a facelift? Businesses in Norwood can now apply for a grant to improve their frontage. The cash is available to commercial businesses trading at the premises and will generally be for half the total cost up to a maximum of £5,000 for any one unit. Grants are available until March 2004 only and will be awarded throughout the year on a first come first served basis. Please contact Norwood Town Centre Office for more information and an application pack. Norwood Town Centre Office, West Norwood Library, 1 Norwood High Street, SE27 9JX, 020 7926 7990/8096, email swoodberry@lambeth.gov.uk

Kingswood School back on track

Primary turns the corner

New computer equipment, homework clubs, beefed-up behaviour policies and extra support for teachers are all helping get Kingswood School back on track after it was criticised by OFSTED inspectors last year.

New Head Craig Tunstall took over just as the school was placed in Special Measures. Changes since then are making a real difference, he says: "Staff in Special Measures schools have some of the best professional development opportunities available to them and this is of direct benefit to the children.

"Kingswood is a school that is really heading upwards and it would be a shame for prospective parents to judge us by our label of Special Measures rather than coming to visit and having a look around".



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Working together in Norwood

New Area Committee is getting into gear

The new Norwood Area Committee is now getting down to business, tackling street cleansing, refuse collection and public transport, and putting local bus managers on the spot over improvements to Routes 2 and 232.

For the coming year the committee will be focusing on overseeing the development of the Area Plan, part of the Lambeth Community Plan, which aims to

improve the economic, social and environmental well-being of the area. Community safety, environmental improvement, youth provision, Library service, pavement repairs, public transport, street cleansing and refuse collection are also on the agenda.

The Committee will also work closely with the Norwood Forum, making sure that there is no duplication between the Area Committee, the Forum and the Partnership Board, and that local people have confidence in the decision-making process.

You can get involved. See page 5 for meeting dates or call the Town Centre Office on 020 7926 8096.

Lights, Camera, Action...

Lambeth Arts needs your help to make a series of short films

Young people can get behind the camera this summer to help make "Masala" – a short Bollywood musical based on a traditional Indian tale updated and set in West Norwood.

Through dance, drama and film workshops participants from 8 to 18 will script, perform in and produce the movie from story to screen, learning all the skills of the trade.

Or you could get involved in making a series of micro-movies for the internet. And we mean micro! – Lambeth Arts are inviting young people aged 8 to 25 to tell their story in under two minutes and then develop and film the story for the internet. For more information call Paul Green on 020 7926 0760 or email pgreen@lambeth.gov.uk

on track



Upper Norwood library hits the jackpot

Upper Norwood library is to get a £900,000 investment boost, thanks to Lambeth Council and the Crystal Palace Single Regeneration Budget funding programme.

The funding will see the historic library completely redeveloped, with new computers, new children's library, youth and community space.

Cut that speed!

Consultation is starting on two Traffic Improvement Schemes: Installation of 20MPH Zone and Streatham Common North Safety Scheme – Lambeth has £840,000 to improve road safety on the Streatham Common North/Crown Lane/Crown Dale Roads.

For more information please contact Liz Cloud, Consultation Officer, on 020 7926 0145 e-mail: lcloud@lambeth.gov.uk

Contacting your local councillors

Gipsy Hill

- **Janet Grigg** (Con) 020 8265 3303, jgrigg@lambeth.gov.uk
- **Russell A'Court** (Con) 020 8761 6691 ra'court@lambeth.gov.uk
- **Gareth Compton** (Con) 020 8761 0605 gcompton@lambeth.gov.uk
Surgeries: Every Saturday 10.30am-12noon Dulwich and West Norwood Conservative Association, 495, Norwood Road SE27 1st Saturday 9.30am-10.30am Emmanuel Church/Hall, Clive Road SE21. 3rd Saturday 9.30am-10.30am Upper Norwood Neighbourhood Housing Office, Lunham Road SE19.

Knight's Hill

- **Geraldine Evans** (Lib Dem) 020 8769 0716 gevans@lambeth.gov.uk
- **Robert McConnell** (Lib Dem) 020 7274 6052 rmccConnell@lambeth.gov.uk
- **Jeremy Baker** (Lib Dem) 020 8670 7030 jjbaker@lambeth.gov.uk

Surgeries: Every Thursday 5.30pm-6.30pm Nettlefold Hall, 1-5 Norwood High Street Every Saturday (coverage by Streatham LibDem Cllr. colleagues) 11.00am-12.30pm Streatham Tate Library, 63 Streatham High Road, SW16.

Thurlow Park

- **Clare Whelan** (Con) 020 8244 9265 cwhelan@lambeth.gov.uk
- **John Whelan** (Con) 020 8244 9265 jwhelan@lambeth.gov.uk
- **Irene Kimm** (Con) 07950 982 012 ikimm@lambeth.gov.uk
Surgeries: Every Saturday 10.30am-12.00 noon, Dulwich and West Norwood Conservative Association, 495 Norwood Road, SE27 020 8670 0677. Last Friday of every month, 4.30pm-5pm, Rosendale Road Peabody Estate Office meeting room - (This surgery is the SE24 end of Rosendale Road).

Your Area Committee

Norwood's Area Committee is chaired by Councillor Russell A'Court. Meetings are open to the public, and part of the meeting is for local people to put questions or present petitions. It's your chance to see democracy in action. See you there!

Meeting dates: 19 June, 24 July, 18 September, 30 October, 4 December.
More information: Richard Buck 020 7926 2185 rbuck@lambeth.gov.uk

Norwood Forum meetings 17 July, 23rd Oct, 7pm, The Nettlefold, 1 Norwood High Street.

Get Creative this summer...

Lambeth Summer Drama Academy 28 July to 22 August

A four week summer performing arts course culminating in a devised theatre, dance and singing production at the Nettlefold. Sessions Mon to Friday, 9am-4pm, age groups 8-11 and 12-15, at the Nettlefold Theatre, 1a Norwood High St, West Norwood, SE27. £400 or £250 subsidised scholarships. Contact: 020 8761 5447 or visit www.bigfoot-theatre.co.uk

Accapella Arts4Adults July

Sessions on Mondays from 1pm to 8pm in July at the Nettlefold for 16+. Singing, music stage management and performance. Maximum 40 places. Contact: Jason Hoyte on 07956 209 990 email info@accapella.net

South London Theatre Summer Project 28 July to 22 August

Introduction to Theatre covering all aspects of stagecraft, including acting, stage fighting, lighting, sound design and stage design – with a performance at the end. Monday to Friday: mornings 5 to 11yrs, afternoons 12 to 18yrs. £40 for four weeks, concessions available. Contact: Liam Campbell on 020 8670 3474, email youththeatre@southlondontheatre.co.uk

For the Children

Ujima Education Service Summer Playscheme 28 July to 22 August

Activities and outings. 4-16 year-olds welcome. Bring a packed lunch. £10 registration payable in advance. More information from Barbara 07961 341 212, Tanya 07904 152 905, Andrew 07957 121 232. Ujima also runs an after-school club for 4-12 year olds. Space is limited. Call Barbara as above for details.

Woodcraft Folk Summer Project Payout Lambeth

For 5-11 year olds in parks and green spaces including Norwood Park. Contact Mark Butcher on 07905 928 397, email markpayout@yahoo.co.uk

For more information about Summer activities for children and young people contact Christine Dixon, Norwood Town Centre Office on 020 7926 7997, email cdixon@lambeth.gov.uk



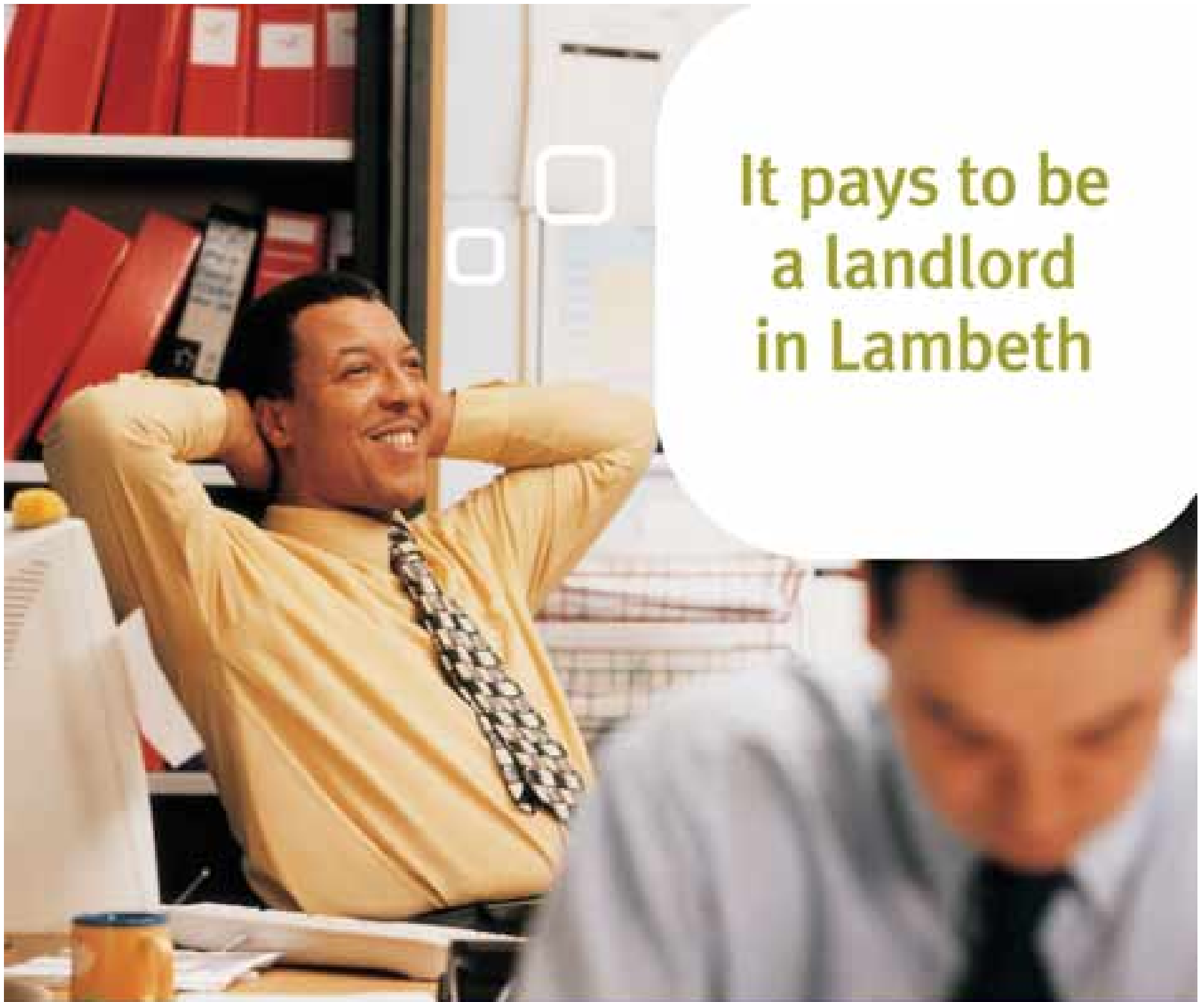
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West Norwood cemetery revealed

● **If you've ever wondered** about the history of West Norwood Cemetery then the regular tour organised by the friends of the cemetery is for you. The next tours are on Sunday 6 July at 2.30pm, meet at the main gate, Norwood Road, £1 donation, and Sunday 3 August.

● **Also of interest:** Crystal Palace Walkabout, 13 July at noon and 2.30pm, meet Crystal Palace Museum, top Anerley Hill, £2.50/£1.50 children free, repeated on 10 August, and a South Norwood Country Park walk also on 10 August, meet 2.30pm at Norwood Junction Station.

This is just a selection of walks organised by local history groups in Lambeth. Full details from Lambeth archives on 020 7926 6076.



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