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MONTH**

CLAPHAM IN LOCKDOWN

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Welcome to your autumn edition of @ClaphamPark

Autumn has arrived in Clapham Park and our green corner of London is turning all shades of orange and gold. As we enjoy the changing scenery, we are in the midst of celebrating Black History Month, and our feature in this issue focuses on the fantastic programme of BHM events within Lambeth and also MTVH's foundations and ongoing values. We look back at what has been happening locally during lockdown and the ongoing activities and opportunities on the doorstep (and online, of course!)

Inside, you'll also find art, gardening, and what's on in the coming months. And finally, we remember our eminent resident, Donna C Henry, who sadly passed away recently, and played a central role in campaigning for positive change at Clapham Park, and bringing that vision to life through the ongoing regeneration work.

We hope you enjoy this issue, and please remember, this is your magazine, so if there's something you'd like to see in the next one, get in touch – contact details on the back page



YOUR CLAPHAM PARK

During the summer we launched the new Clapham Park Website. This contains information on the redevelopment works, resources for tenants and leaseholders, local and online activities and the digital version of this magazine. If you haven't seen it yet, you can find it at www.yourclaphampark.co.uk – see you there!

A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM MTVH CHAIR, ALTHEA EFUNSHILE

OCTOBER MARKS BLACK HISTORY MONTH, THE ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF THE HISTORY, ACHIEVEMENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF BLACK PEOPLE IN THE UK. AT MTVH, WE ARE PROUD THAT BLACK HISTORY MONTH IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF OUR HERITAGE AND SHARED VALUES AND WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIR, ALTHEA EFUNSHILE.

Black History Month has taken place every October for the past 30 years or so – an annual coming together to acknowledge and celebrate the contribution to British history of people of African and Caribbean descent.

That contribution is vast and significant. The industrial revolution in 18th century Britain simply couldn't have happened as it did without plantation slavery in the Caribbean. But the contribution is wider than slavery. It's also the case, for example, that there was a thriving free black population in late 18th and early 19th century Georgian London; that a prominent leader of 19th century London Chartists was William Cuffay, the disabled son of a slave; that African and Caribbean people fought for Britain in the first and second world wars; and of course, that from the 1940s and 50s onwards, the Windrush Generation of Caribbean immigrants was critical to the regeneration of post-war Britain

I look forward to a time when a special Black History Month will be superfluous because all of the above and more becomes common knowledge taught across our nation all year long. But we're not there yet and Black History Month remains important.

For MTVH, October should be particularly significant. The then Metropolitan Coloured People's Housing Association was created to serve those Windrush generation migrants who were forced to live in squalid conditions without basic amenities. Some 70 years later our core purpose and beliefs remain the same – everyone should have a home and the



chance to live well. Today a hugely diverse range of colleagues across our organization serves a hugely diverse base of customers and residents with a mixture of tenures. October helps remind us of our shared heritage, our shared history, and our shared values.

But Black History Month isn't just about looking backward. Events in the USA this year provided a stark reminder of the oppression and systemic racism that still exists in our world, and that remains to be eradicated now and in the future. If there can be a positive that emerged in a terrible 2020, then perhaps it was the sight of so many allies standing strong beside black people, in so many countries across the world.

Without allies, we cannot have a world, a society, or an organisation that is truly equal, diverse, and inclusive. So, if we're going to be a truly progressive, inclusive, and kind organisation, then we must all of us accept that we have much to learn from others whose experience is different from our own and that each one of us, whatever your protected characteristic or however you identify needs to pay attention and listen. All of us can and must be allies.

SO LET'S CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH TOGETHER. LET'S BE PROUD OF OUR SHARED BRITISH HISTORY & HERITAGE. AND LET'S ALL REMEMBER THAT ALLYSHIP ISN'T JUST FOR OCTOBER!

LAMBETH LIBRARIES BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2020



INTRODUCTION

I am delighted to invite you to this year's Black History Month celebrations, which will be running throughout October. Last year so many of you told us how inspiring and uplifting you found the events and this year's programme is equally as exciting. This year we continue to remember and support the Windrush generation and acknowledge their struggle for a right to remain and for compensation. The month includes something for all ages and all tastes. Please take this wonderful opportunity to learn about and celebrate African Caribbean Heritage and Culture, which influence and enrich all our lives. Lambeth Libraries has partnered with Black Cultural Archives and many local organisations, along with a selection of brilliant writers and artists, to deliver this fantastic programme of events. I hope you will join us.

Clr Sonia Winifred
Cabinet Member for Equalities
lambeth.gov.uk/BHM and Culture



Lambeth



Black History Month

October 2020

Monday 26 October, 7pm

Online event: [Bookings Eventbrite](#)

Jennifer Nansubuga Makum

Jennifer discusses her new novel, *The First Woman*.

Wednesday 28 October, 7pm

Online event: [Bookings Eventbrite](#)

Family Tree Making Workshop

Dr Audrey Allwood, touching on her own experience and sets out the steps you'll need to take to construct your family narrative.

Thursday 29 October, 7pm

The Windrush Generation: 492 Korna Klub Interactive Performance

Online event: Bookings <https://jus-tickets.com/events/windrush-performance-by-492-korna-klub>

492 Korna Klub presents a live interactive performance and community debate about the Windrush Generation.

AN UPDATE FROM KNIGHTS YOUTH CENTRE

You might have seen in the last newsletter that KYC had hired some new staff members and the club was set to expand and offer more services to more young people in Clapham Park. We were looking forward to having our doors open for more hours and playing an active part in this community.

And then, lockdown. And we were stopped in our tracks.

So, our team thought rapidly about how to run a youth club in a pandemic. We knew that now more than ever our young people needed us, but we had to think carefully about to deliver a service safely and in line with the government guidance.

Our priority is always to support the young people here and that's what we continued to do – even if it had to be at a distance for a little while.

We turned to group calls on Zoom and mobile mentoring. We delivered food parcels and activities for families to get involved in. This included our very well received Cultural Food Project where we showcased and explored food from the different cultures represented at club, with highlights including the Jamaican Ackee & Saltfish,

Nigerian Jollof Rice and St Lucian Roti. We teamed up with [Cook shop](#) on Abbeyville Road who provided us with 60 delicious meals every week. And more recently we have been working with the [Lambeth Summer of Food & Fun](#).

We jumped into the world of social media too and kept connected through our newly launched Instagram page – you might have seen some of our interviews, live dance classes and Friday night DJ sessions. If not, check us out [@kyclondon](#)

But online delivery can only do so much – we knew we needed to open the club again as soon as we could. One young person sent us a message saying he "didn't know he could miss Knights this much"! So, as lockdown began to ease, we were quick to find the safest way we could meet up with our young people. Beginning with walks around the park and young people helping with our food deliveries. Then as the summer holidays began, we started opening the club to small groups as a home away from home. We started a Thursday afternoon drop in called '[Kconnect](#)' for young people to access computers, wifi, advice, support and of course, some food! We ran a film



project with [WeRise](#) and launched boxing classes with [Dwaynatics Boxing Gym](#).

We would typically take the young people on residential trips in the summer – to escape London and take part in some adventurous outdoor activities. Unfortunately, this was impossible this year so soon as it was safe to do so we crammed in plenty of daytrips instead. A day at Thorpe Park for the more adventurous; ice-skating at Streatham Leisure Centre; cycling on the velodrome in Herne Hill and daytrips to our residential centre for kayaking along the River Wey.

All that to say, we have not stopped ensuring that our young people are supported, championed, listened to and encouraged. Our team have worked tirelessly to be there for our young people despite and in response to everything that is happening at the moment. We have seen relationships flourish, the community grow closer together, and importantly the young people having fun.

We know September will have its own challenges, but we are committed to being here for our young people in whatever way we can.

Our evening club nights will reopen from the **14th September**, our Kconnect drop in will continue on Thursday afternoons, and we hope to be back supporting our local schools in what will be a tricky time.

If you want to get involved or know of a young person who might benefit from our services, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us on 020 8654 4055 or email ryan@knightsyouthcentre.org.uk or ellie@knightsyouthcentre.org.uk.



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TUTORS UNITED



SUMMER CHALLENGE

MTVH delivery partner and education charity, Tutors United delivered an amazing 32 hours of online tuition via Zoom during the Covid-19 Lockdown to 24 young residents in the Clapham Park estate from March – June 2020. This ensured these young residents were receiving 1 hour a week of Maths and English tuition, were able to interact with their peers and have some fun learning.

Tutors United also delivered an amazing online Summer Challenge programme in partnership with MTVH. The young residents were given their challenge at the start of the day by fictional CEO, Mr Spark who asked them to design a theme park with learning at the heart of it. It could be a theme park full of flumes and roller coasters but they had to ensure those attending the theme park could learn about a topic whether it be space or the weather. The young residents were split into teams and then spent the day working on their theme park idea. They carried out market research, created a theme park plan, worked out their costings, decided on what facilities their theme park would have and then they pitched to some very trusted advisors of Mr Spark; some very talented staff from MTVH who took a little time out of their busy day to get involved.

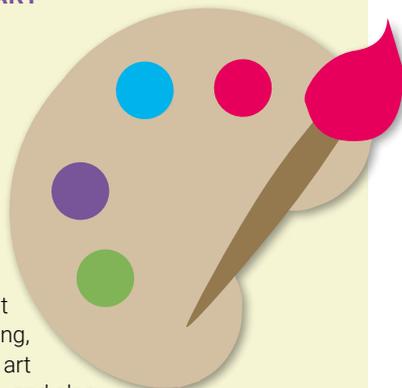
Tutors United will return again in September to help more of Clapham Park's amazing young residents. For more information, please email programmes@tutorsunited.org



Art on your Doorstep!

DID YOU KNOW THAT AS PART OF OUR COMMITMENT TO CLAPHAM PARK, OVER THE NEXT 15 YEARS, MTVH WILL BE SPENDING AT LEAST £700,000 ON PUBLIC ART THROUGHOUT THE NEIGHBOURHOOD?

As well as the sorts of standalone works that you might expect under a "public art" heading, this will also include embedding art into the landscape and buildings, and also investing in local creative educational projects. To plan how the money will be spent, we have formed a Public Art Committee, with representatives from MTVH, Lambeth Council, Counterpoint Arts and 5 wonderful resident members. The Committee's first task is to appoint a Public Art Consultant who will work with the committee and also run workshops with residents to develop the Public Art Strategy. That will set out how the money will be spent and will give the committee a framework within which they can start commissioning creative projects and artworks. We anticipate that those Art Strategy workshops will take place within the coming months. We then need to get the strategy approved by Lambeth, and once that's done, the Committee can start the exciting work of commissioning next summer.



Watch this
Creative space!



A COLLABORATIVE STORYTELLING PROJECT BRINGING ARTS AND NEIGHBOURS TOGETHER TO EXPLORE THE PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE OF THE ESTATE.



You may have seen all the wonderful stories, photography and artwork we've collected in 2018 and 2019 on our social media and website. We are very eager to get back to getting creative with the Clapham Park community! We are planning different ways to participate for those who prefer to participate from home with or without the Internet.



UPCOMING ACTIVITIES FOR AUTUMN/WINTER

All events are free and there are options for all ages. Contact us for the full programme and let us know what interests you.

- **Photography Club** - online Zoom meetings + public meet-ups - an informal group where we experiment with photography to explore home, community and history. All levels and types of cameras welcome.
- **Socially Distanced Tea & Craft Afternoons** - a monthly event you can participate in person or from home. Be part of creating a community artwork for a public exhibition.
- **'Neighbours Talk' Soundbites** - phone chats about lockdown, regeneration, Black Lives Matter and the future of Clapham Park. Share your reflections and ideas in recorded phone conversations that will be made into an audio program for radio and podcast.
- **'People of Clapham Park' Story Portrait series** - have a professional photograph taken through your window, at your doorway or outside and be part of our series featuring residents of Clapham Park.

JOIN US FOR UPCOMING ACTIVITIES DOING PHOTOGRAPHY, ARTS & CRAFTS, WALKING TOURS AND PHONE CHATS. CONTACT US FOR THE FULL PROGRAMME AND LET US KNOW WHAT INTERESTS YOU.

CALLING ALL LOCAL CREATIVES AND ARTISTS! Let us know about your work or other local creatives we should include in our directory to be launched on our website. Whether you do art, music or knitting, we are open to all kinds of creative activities.

CONTRIBUTE TO THE CLAPHAM PARK 'LOCKDOWN' ARCHIVE

The Clapham Park Creative Co-op creating a special collection capturing what the people of Clapham Park have been seeing, hearing and feeling since Coronavirus led to a lockdown in March 2020. We hope the archive will share some of the diverse ways that the neighbourhood has come together, and how we have made sense of it all... a treasure for future generations!

It's really easy to participate, simply email, text or phone in your answers to these questions:

1. **Who would you nominate as your local 'lockdown' hero? Tell us why.**
Nominate someone we should photograph for a special 'People of Clapham Park' collection.
2. **What has been your 'lockdown' song that kept your spirit dancing?**
Your songs will be part of our Clapham Park Lockdown Spotify playlist.
3. **What place in your neighbourhood did you miss the most? What place kept you sane? Tell us about it.**
We'll be adding places to our Community Story Map and creating a walking tour in the future.
4. **What helped you the most to survive lockdown? Send us a photo.**
Contribute to our growing photo archive and be part of an upcoming exhibition.
5. **What's your secret lockdown message to your neighbours? Send us up to 20 words.**
We'll be painting messages on rocks to leave around the estate.
Send us your contributions by email, phone, WhatsApp/SMS or tag us on social media. Please note we will need your contact details for internal purposes only. All submissions will be published anonymously unless you prefer to share your name.

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CLAPHAM GARDENING



FOR SOME, LOCKDOWN HAS PROVIDED AN OPPORTUNITY TO CONNECT WITH NEIGHBOURS, THIS WAS CERTAINLY THE CASE FOR SOME AT TRESSIDER HOUSE.

After reaching out to MTVH's Community Investment team, gardener's at Clapham Park received donations of additional equipment including a compost bin and soil from Pinnacle which will help them continue turning their communal space into a small paradise.

Here's what Anna, one of the Tressider Gardeners had to say:

"Furlough and lockdown brought our neighbours together. Not only elderly, also young female and male show interest in gardening and especially collecting compost.

How lovely to see them, while I am watering the garden, walking towards me holding proud box or bag of compost.

Before I moved in to my husband's flat I noticed, that Polish neighbours initiated the communal garden. The young woman at the photo above speaks fluent Polish, as her mum is from Poland and daddy from Senegal. Tressider House has representation of many nationalities. Lovely to see mixture of culture, traditions and what brings us together is love to the nature.

I want to express a big thank you to people who generously donated soil. Please tell Iva Beasley (Estate Management for MTVH) and Nelson Parreno-Reuda, also Marcin Roasiak (Pinnacle) that we truly appreciate their help."



WORKING OUT OF LOCKDOWN

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN ONLINE!!!

@ www.CEFL.org.uk or

General Enquiries

Alesha on 07930 501 106 or
Christian on 07706 179 851

Young People with SEND Enquiries

Navlet on 07984 337 812

Email:

#BreakingOut-October2020 to
community7@CEFL.org.uk




WORKING-OUT-OF-LOCKDOWN

BREAKING-OUT2020

The Autumn Active, Fun, Eat & Learn BootCamp
26 October to 30 October 2020
Age 7 to 16 year olds
with Volunteering Opportunities for over 15 years olds

Monday to Friday 10am - 4pm

5 DAYS OF PURE ACTIVE, FUN, FOOD & LEARNING

- ART & CRAFTS, MUSIC & DANCE
- CYCLE MAINTENANCE & RIDE
- YOUTH LEADERSHIP
- VISUAL CREATIVITY SKILLS
- SPORTS/GAME BOOT CAMP
- VOLUNTEERING 4-YOUTHS

This is a COVID-19 Safety Measures Compliance Activity and it is taking place at
Windmill Garden (Park), Blenheim Gardens SW2 5DA
Places are LIMITED and available on first-come-first-served basis

Registration is NOW OPEN ONLINE!!! @ www.CEFL.org.uk Or
EMAIL #BreakingOut-October2020 to community7@CEFL.org.uk
General Enquiries, contact: Alesha on 07930 501 106 or Christian on 07706 179 851
Young People with SEND Enquiries, contact: Navlet on 07984 337 812




THERE HAS BEEN AN AMAZING RESPONSE FROM THE LOCAL COMMUNITY IN CLAPHAM PARK THROUGHOUT LOCKDOWN.

NEIGHBOURS, LOCAL COUNCILLORS AND COMMUNITY GROUPS JOINT FORCES TO FORM THE THORNTON MUTUAL AID GROUP TO ORGANISE A TASK FORCE OF LOCAL VOLUNTEERS TO OFFER SUPPORT, DELIVER FOOD PARCELS, PICK UP PRESCRIPTIONS AND LISTEN TO ANYONE WHO NEEDED ASSISTANCE.

Local resident Ruth Sargeant, discussed how the group began and the impact it has had on her sense of community in Clapham Park

"Weir Road is a friendly place, with a great corner shop and dry cleaners and some wonderful people. I know the neighbours closest to me, and we often enjoy summer BBQs and winter drinks together. Weir Road is also a long road, with a mix of houses, maisonettes and flats on the road and the estates opposite, and there are so many households we don't know.

In early March of this year, as people around the country began to self-isolate or shield, a few of us discussed forming a group in order to support anyone in need. We set up a phone number, email address and Whatsapp group, registered with Lambeth Mutual Aid, and we were off!

We set Saturday 21st March as the date to leaflet the street. As an early lockdown became more likely, Saturday became Friday, and everyone rallied around to make it happen. Neighbour told neighbour, word got out quickly, and offers quickly came in to donate paper and print and deliver leaflets. A few of us met on the Friday and leafleted Weir Road. The response was immediate, with texts coming in from those wanting to help. On the Saturday more of us met, introduced ourselves to each other on the doorstep, and finished delivering leaflets. Over 400 homes leafleted - just two days before lockdown was announced.

Further texts, emails and calls came in over the coming days, and by 27th March we had over 30 members of the Whatsapp group, and more on a Facebook group, all willing to volunteer.

A retired couple called to say thank you and said that it was great to know that someone was there if family became unable to help them at any point. Another gentleman who was shielding asked whether we would be able to do a weekly food shop for him. Two 17 year old boys have regularly done this, and it has been lovely to see people of all ages come together as community.

Since those early days the Whatsapp group has become more than just a place to send out volunteering requests. We have collected for the local food bank and have shared information about where to buy face masks or vegetables. Child care gaps have been filled, tips for keeping foxes out of compost bins shared, unused fence paint passed on, vacuum cleaners lent and so much more. VE Day celebrations were organised and lost parcels found their way home on several occasions. Neighbours have gone shopping for each other, taken things to the tip for each other, and waved down the road to people they had not yet met after the weekly clap for the NHS. Strangers introduced themselves on the street (and even on the Common) and the Fruit and Veg stall on the corner has become a hub of conversation.

Across London and the country there has been a positive move towards being more community-minded, and here on Weir Road, as we begin to emerge from lockdown, we look forward to the day when those shielding can come out, and when we can all celebrate together. We feel excited and grateful to live on a street where the sense of community and having real neighbours is stronger than ever."

Supporting Thornton Mutual Aid Group

For more information on your local Mutual Aid Group and others across Lambeth, go to: www.lambethmutualaid.co.uk

VITAL MEALS FOR CLAPHAM PARK

Ayesha Pakravan founded Vital Meals in March in response to Covid-19. Offering free freshly cooked meals delivered to anyone in need across London. Once demand for the service grew, Vital Meals moved into The Clapham Park Cube, allowing them to deliver 1000 meals each week. Now, six months in, Vital Meals have supported hundreds across London and in our local community in Lambeth and became part of Clapham Parks Schools Out Summer Programme for 8-16 year olds with Elevating Success.

We spoke with Ayesha about her experience of working at Clapham Park throughout lockdown

Being part of the Cube & working for the community has been none other than a total honour and a real privilege. Before Vital Meals was welcomed into Clapham Park, we were a much smaller initiative helping a lot less people. Moving into the wonderful kitchen has allowed us to expand to over 1,000 meals per week and to really help so many more members of the community (as well as wider London).

We have also been lucky enough to run our cookery classes as part of the Summer Programme and have loved meeting so many of the children.

We have taught them the main basic skills needed in a kitchen and how to make their own favourite dishes from scratch and with some healthy alternatives! We have taught them how to make healthier chicken nuggets - one child even said they were better than McDonalds! - to make their own doughs for pizza and bread, to make their own pasta and so much more. It has been fantastic to see so many of the young children take to cooking so well and to hear one of our older students say that "his dream job is to be a chef" - we have loved being here to nurture these talents.

For more information on Vital Meals, visit their website: www.vitalmeals.org



MEET THE CONTRACTOR

Q&A



At the beginning of October, we held an online “Meet the Contractor” event where the community was able to ask questions of the project team delivering the next phase of work on the Clapham Park Masterplan. We would like to thank all of those who came along and participated.

Below are a few of the questions that were asked during the session with the answers provided by the project team:



Will there be sufficient disability access on the estate once it is redeveloped?



All of the building will be designed as lifetime homes, allowing for changes in circumstances such as disability. They will be fitted with double door and lifts to make access as easy as possible for wheelchair users and accessible to ambulances.



Are there any plans of what the new flats might look like?



Plans for the flats planned for Phase 01 were shown during the event and have been shared with residents directly involved in the block. Should you want a copy of the presentation provided during the “Meet the contractor” event, please contact a member of the team using the details on the back of this magazine.



Why are the flats going to be open-planned?



A lot of new builds are designed to have open kitchen and living areas to bring families together and create more space within the flat, allowing for larger items of furniture, such as a family-sized dining table.

Q

Where will residents and visitors park?

There is parking provision on King's Avenue, including disabled parking. Some of the current parking provision will also be retained. Residents who currently have parking provision will be allowed to retain a car parking space, however any new residents will not be able to apply for parking in adherence to the Mayor of London's car free initiative for new developments.

A

Q

Will residents be able to make changes to the flats once they are furnished?

Residents are allowed to make changes to the flats, as long as they seek consent from MHTV housing team. The housing team will approach each suggested change reasonably .

A

Q

When will the redevelopment be completed?

It was hoped that the construction of the new homes would be completed in 2022, however due to the COVID-19 pandemic, timescales have been pushed back and we now expect completion to happen early in 2023.

A

Q

What will the process of moving flats look like?

The resident engagement team will be helping residents with this process. In addition to this external contractors are brought in to help with packing and moving for those who need additional help.

A

Q

Will residents be entitled to any compensation for the move?

Residents are entitled to statutory home loss payments. Whilst we do not know how much that will be at the time of the move, the current figure is at £6,400. We will ensure nobody is out of pocket as a result of the move.

A



CGI of how the initial phase of the Clapham Park Masterplan could look

Hello from the Community Investment Team at Clapham Park. We are a mixture of new and old faces serving the community at Clapham Park and we look forward to working closely with you to support you make this community what you want it to be.

Last summer, Jahanara Rajkoomar was appointed Director of Community Investment for Metropolitan Thames Valley Housing and launched the Residents Empowerment Strategy in November of 2019 which outlines our team priorities.

The Resident Empowerment Strategy focusses on addressing those key issues that communities feel are holding them back from moving on to a better place. We acknowledge that this will mean different things to individuals and to different sections of the community. Our aim at Clapham Park is to work with the community to support you achieve what really matters to you. We have a Resident Voice Coordinator whose role is to actively listen to what matters to the community and individuals and listen for

how best to resolve community concerns and priorities. We have Connectors who will work one to one with individuals who need support to achieve their ambitions. Our Regional Community Coordinator will create effective partnerships and work with the community to deliver projects that have a meaningful impact for the community. Our Community Centre Coordinator looks after the Cube and will work with the community to ensure we deliver activities that meet the diverse needs of the people living in Clapham Park.

Stay well through these challenging times and please let us know what matters to you and how we can support you

All the Best

Emildah Chabata, Regional Manager, Community Investment



Contact Clapham Park

The contact details for the community investment team for residents in need of support are: Communitysupport@mtvh.co.uk

If you want to speak to one of the team, our details are:

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Emildah.chabata@mtvh.co.uk, mobile number **075 5216 6351**

Regional Community Coordinator-

Hannah.moody@mtvh.co.uk mobile number **077 0347 6321**

Resident Connector

Rawnok.khan@mtvh.co.uk mobile number **077 0253 2379**

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 https://www.instagram.com/clapham_park/

Remembering Donna C Henry CBE

The recent passing of Clapham Park community champion, Donna C Henry CBE, was a huge loss. She will be remembered for her tenacious spirit and fierce commitment to ensuring Clapham's regeneration progressed with care and respect to residents.

Donna played an integral role in the regeneration of Clapham Park. In the late 90s, she petitioned Lambeth Council about the need to improve local housing and to provide support to enhance the fabric of the local community. By 2000, Clapham Park had been selected to become part of the New Deal for Communities

within Lambeth, with £56 million pounds being invested in the local area over 10 years. By 2005, Donna had become chair of the local New Deal for Communities organisation, ...Clapham Park Project, a role she continued until her passing.

Donna was honoured with a CBE for countless years of community work, which she carried out with passion and commitment. She was part of the very fabric of the community at Clapham Park and will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

She was a friend to many in Clapham Park, who have shared their tributes to her:



"Donna enriched the lives of all those that call Clapham Park home. As a community we are grateful and better-off for everything Donna C Henry did, and now it's up to us to carry on that legacy." **Kelly Thomas, MTVH**

"Donna was a proud woman who loved her community and wanted to do what she could to help, focusing her efforts on the young and the vulnerable. She felt a sense of responsibility and was a true advocate for local people. Her estate was her kingdom and she was extremely proud of her years spent on the Clapham Park Estate." **Sonia Gayle, MTVH**

"Donna had earned her accolades and respect. I loved the way that if any new staff member tried to get too familiar with her, she would remind them of her full name, "its Donna C Henry", but never added the CBE on the end. A classy lady and a champion, one I will miss greatly." **Tyson Bunby, MTVH**

"I had the pleasure of knowing Donna for more than 10 years as we often attended the same Clapham Park events. She always stood up for local people and was key in delivering many improvements to the area. Donna was a very stylish woman who brought her unique personal approach to everything she did and will be greatly missed by many in the community."

Ed Davie, Councillor for Thornton

"I worked closely with Donna when I served as a councillor for Thornton ward as a Trustee of CPP. Donna's dedication to her community was evident in everything she did. She always made it absolutely clear that she expected the best for Clapham Park and its residents and worked tirelessly to that end. I will miss her passion tempered by good humour – and glamour!"

Diana Morris, Vice Chair of Clapham Park Project & Former Councillor for Thornton

Residents can send their condolences via this email address: claphampark.regen@mtvh.co.uk

A memorial event will be held when it is safe to do so.



AFTER SCHOOL PROJECT

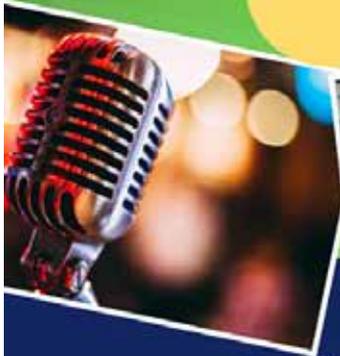


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WHAT WE OFFER:

- ✓ CREATIVE GAMES/ACTIVITIES
- ✓ HOMEWORK SUPPORT
- ✓ MUSIC PRODUCTION
- ✓ VIDEO PRODUCTION
- ✓ DJ PRODUCTION

YEARS
8-18



DATE & TIME :

EVERY TUESDAY 4:30PM-6:30PM

ADDRESS: THE CUBE

CLAPHAM PARK COMMUNITY CENTRE
KINGS AVE, THORNTON, LONDON, SW4 8EP

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL 07882980892

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WHAT'S ON @CLAPHAM PARK CUBE



The Cube is currently closed to the public due to the Covid-19 pandemic. We are currently delivering food from the Cube in partnership with Vital Meals for residents in need every Monday and Tuesday. **If you need support with food, please contact Rawnok.khan@mtvh.co.uk or call him on 07702 532379.**

We are also delivering some socially distanced activities for young people to address their needs. We are currently delivering **Music Production** at 4:30-6:30pm on Tuesdays. **If you interested, contact Hannah.moody@mtvh.co.uk or ring her on 07703 476321.**

In half term, we are running workshops between the 26th and 30th of October for young people in partnership with **Elevating Success** and **Vital Meals**, please contact **Hannah Moody** if you would like more details.

Tutors United will continue delivering private tuition to young people in school years 5-6 from November. Classes will

initially be online and move to face to face hopefully in January 2021. **If you have a young person who could benefit, please contact Hannah to register your interest.**

We are delivering employment support through our partner Love London Working (LLW). LLW is also supporting residents interested in starting up or growing their businesses. **If you need employment or Business Support, please contact Rawnok Khan for support.**





We want to hear from you!

Do you have a story you'd like to share with your neighbours? Would you like to make a contribution? We're interested in hearing about activities for children and adults. We'd love to shine a spotlight on events in the community!

Tell us if there's something you'd like to see more of in the pages of @ClaphamPark by contacting Avril Branche at **Avril.Branche@mtvh.co.uk** or on **07701 388 385**.



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