



No. 76 Winter 2017

Members' Newsletter

Durning Library, 167 Kennington Lane, London SE11 4HF

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Open:

Monday 1-6pm

Tuesday 10am-6pm

Wednesday 10am-8pm

Friday 10am-6pm

Saturday 9am-5pm

Regular Library Events

Wriggle & Rhyme Storytime (Under fives).

Every Wednesday and Saturday 10.30am

Durning Library Chess Club

Every Saturday 2.30 – 4.30 pm

Chatterbooks Book group for children aged 7-11 yrs. 4 – 5pm 1st Monday of each month

Homework Club

Every Wednesday, 4 – 5pm

Friendly Knitting Group

Tuesdays, 10.30-12 noon

Durning Library Book Group

Last Wednesday of Each Month, 7 – 8.30pm

Basic IT Skills

Every Friday, 10am – 12 noon

Older Person's Group

3rd Wednesday of each month, 3 – 4pm

FoDL Monday Talks

These talks are normally held on the third Monday in the month. 6.45 for 7.15pm at the Durning Library. Light refreshments. Everyone is welcome. There is no admission charge, but a £2 donation towards costs is invited.

Winter Party Monday 11th December

Monday 11 December (the **SECOND Monday in December**): Our winter party, with festive food, a good raffle and an historical chiller:

Local author Neil Spring is back with his second novel *The Lost Village* inspired by real events and featuring the real-life ghost hunter Harry Price. Each winter, for one night only, residents can visit the churchyard of the abandoned village of Imber. But this year all who come near are in danger....

Don't forget to buy your raffle tickets!

Future talks and 2018 dates for your diary

Monday 11 December: Winter Party

Monday 15 January 2018: Miss Muriel Matters

In 1909 Muriel Matters flew over London in an airship dropping Votes for Women leaflets. The first woman to make a speech in the House of Commons, as a protester, she worked in the slums of Lambeth, and her brother became MP for Kennington. A hundred years after women were granted the vote, Robert Wainwright introduces his new book about this little known but influential suffragette.

Monday 19 February: Details to be confirmed

Our wonderful speaker is not currently contactable. We shall circulate more information as soon as possible.

2018 Diary dates: 16 Apr, 21 May, 18 June, 16 July, 17 Sep, 15 Oct, 19 Nov, 10 Dec.

News from our Chair

Lambeth libraries have had two hectic months with the Heritage Festival in September and Black History Month in October. The Durning played a full part in both, including our Friends' events in September and October, followed by tea and cakes for those who came to Fun Palaces Day in early November. We welcomed Councillor Sonia Winifred, Lambeth Cabinet member with responsibility for libraries, to our September talk. Councillor Winifred once worked at the Durning so she was on familiar ground there.

Just before our September event, we said goodbye to Caroline Mackie as Durning manager after an all too short year at the Durning. She has done a straight swap with Liz Buchanan at Brixton – we miss Caroline greatly but are very pleased to welcome Liz who has settled in very quickly and we enjoy working with her.

We were told by Lambeth officials at a meeting of the Friends of Lambeth Libraries (FoLL) in early October that contractors had been selected to carry out a maintenance programme at four libraries, including the Durning. That work is scheduled to start before Christmas but we do not yet have a firm date, nor do we know whether it will include the much-needed and long-promised roof repairs, so we are holding our breath. We have also been told that there is funding for internal alterations to the Durning to create more teenage space but there are so far no plans, nor do we know about the timing. We are keeping up the pressure on officials and we hope that we will soon have confirmation that all this work will happen.

We look forward to seeing you at the party and talk on 11 December (please note the date which is a week earlier than usual to avoid our getting too close to Christmas).

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Friends' Committee

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