



No 82 Summer 2019

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

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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.

1st Monday of each month

4–5pm

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 Persons' Group

3rd Wednesday of each month, 3 – 4pm

Members' Newsletter

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.

Monday 17 June: Summer Party with Raffle

Make a date to hear Eleanor Halsall and Ian Smith talk about **Exploring the ancient Medina of Fez.**

Monday 15 July: The role we all play in cleaning up the social web

Local success story First Draft train the international media to detect and responsibly report mis- and dis-information. Come and hear their MD, Jenni Sargent, explain some of the tactics used to pollute our online spaces, how to spot them, and how publishers, technology platforms and the public can work together to build resilience in this new age of information disorder.

Monday 16 September: "Virginia Stephen at Morley College"

At Morley College between 1905 and 1907 young Virginia Stephen (later Woolf) taught history, art history, English and poetry. Clara Jones of King's College London introduces Stephen's only record of it: an unpublished 'Morley sketch' which rehearses ideas and anxieties about gender, class and professionalism - themes that in 1915 would be central to her first novel *The Voyage Out*. **Part of Lambeth Heritage Festival.**

Monday 21 October: "The Friends of Harry Perkins"

Former MP **Chris Mullin** has now published his long-awaited sequel to his best-selling "A Very British Coup". It's a tantalising human drama woven around the big issues of the day: Brexit, the rise of English nationalism, and the looming confrontation between America and China.

Knitting Group: Thank you to all those who kindly donated red wool for pompoms for the babies' hats. A large bag of hats and pompoms was taken to King's College Hospital recently and passed to the Senior Midwife in the maternity unit, who would like us to produce more hats and pompoms for them in the autumn.

Book Group meets 7pm on the **last Wednesday of each month** for an informal discussion. Copies of the book are freely available from the Library Desk. £2 donation for refreshments.

FoDL subscriptions for 2019/2020 are now due. Please leave your subscription in a named envelope at the Desk, or pay on 17 June at our Summer Party.

Summer Reading Challenge Events

Space-themed adventures with writing and drawing competitions for the under 5's and 5+ on Wednesdays and Saturdays between 24 July and 21 August.

Zoom along to make masks, your own solar system, Moon Rock Fridge magnets, Space lanterns and critters, or play Space Bingo - and get stuck into the Galaxy Slime workshop.

Saturday 5 October is Fun Palaces Day: a community-based day of fun free activities.

News from our Chair

As part of the 2019 Lambeth Readers and Writers' Festival and in addition to our normal monthly talk, in May the Friends hosted a very well-attended talk by the Radio 4 presenter, Jenni Murray, who spoke about her recent book A History of the World in 21 Women. Some of the women were well-known, some less so and it was a sparkling occasion - we are very grateful to Tim O'Dell of Lambeth Library Service for arranging it.

We are glad to be able to report that the internal redecoration following the completion of the external repairs earlier this year is now scheduled to start immediately after our June summer party on 17 June. The library will have to close for around two weeks but is scheduled to re-open in good time for our talk on 15 July and the start of the school summer holidays. Looking further ahead, we hope that the present mobile shelves, which have served us well but are beginning to show their age, will be replaced and that there will be some other new furniture.

There is also progress at last on the long saga of improving disabled access to the Durning building. After a great deal of discussion with the planning and conservation staff, it has been agreed that the main entrance is too narrow and the height of the building above the pavement too great for a ramp to be safe. If wheelchair users are no longer to have to make the long trek round to the rear of the building, the only solution is for a platform lift to be installed in the entrance. This will mean major alterations to the front porch and will require both planning permission and listed building consent so is still some way off, but designs have been prepared and are currently under discussion.

Friends of Durning Library Chair: Priscilla Baines

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