



## No 85 Spring 2020

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

durninglibrary@lambeth.gov.uk

### Storytime for Under Fives.

Wednesdays and Saturdays 10.30am

### Durning Library Chess Club

Saturdays 2.30-4.30pm.  
Also, **Pop up board games** available on request

### ESOL for Intermediates

Wednesdays 10 - 12pm,

### Homework Club

Wednesdays, 4 - 5pm

### IT Help drop-in and Reading

English classes both on Fridays 10.30-12pm

### Friendly Knitting Group

Tuesdays, 10.30-12pm

### Durning Library Book Group

Last Wednesday of each month, 7 - 8.15pm

### Councillor Surgeries 3rd

Wednesday of each month, 6-7pm

### Older Persons' Group

Durning Diamonds, the older person's group - 3rd Wednesday of the 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 March 16: Freedom in an age of intelligent machines

Journalist and film-maker **Paul Mason** talks about his new book "Clear Bright Future". What kind of ethical systems can survive the rise of artificial intelligence and control by algorithms?

**Monday 20 April at 7.10pm: Susanna Barnes**, Service Manager, Lambeth Libraries and Archives **followed by the AGM.** Everyone is welcome to the talk but only FoDL members may vote at the AGM.

**Monday 18 May: "Sisters in Arms: Female Warriors from Antiquity to the New Millennium"** Local author Julie Wheelwright discusses her new book, bringing alive stories from the Scythian women who begat the myth of the Amazons to women who fought in the 18th century and the re-emergence of women in today's armed forces. **Part of Lambeth's Readers and Writers Festival.**

**Monday 15 June: Summer Party** - speaker TBA

**Monday 20 July: Stop the Traffik** "People shouldn't be bought and sold." The international charity **Stop the Traffik**, founded and based at Lambeth North, disrupts human trafficking through intelligence-led prevention and the Stop App.

**Diary dates: August break, 21 September, 19 October, 16 November, 7 December.**

**Knitting Group news:** The charity Knit for Peace was very grateful for our seasonal contributions of knitted blankets, gloves, hats and scarves. Thank you everyone who has so generously donated wool to the Group. If you fancy a chat, some basic knitting instruction, and refreshments while knitting for a worthwhile charity, we would love to see you on **Tuesday mornings from 10.30 am.**

### New Regular events at Durning Library:

First 8 week course of English conversation, 3 Feb - 23 March.

Second course starting in April 2020.

**Durning Diamonds, the older person's group - 3rd Wednesday of the month, 3-4pm.** 18 March, 15 April, 20 May, 17 June, 15 July, 19 August  
**Upcoming events:**

**World Book Day - Thursday 5 March, or another day that week, tbc**  
**Rubik's Cube Demystified event, Tuesday 7 April - 3pm**

**Easter Egg Hunt Wednesday, 8 April - All day**

**3D printing workshop** marking the UNESCO manifesto. **In April, tbc**  
**Book Group** meets 7pm on the **last Wednesday of each month** for an informal discussion. Free Copies of the book are available from the Library Desk. £2 donation for refreshments.

## News from our Chair

Many of you will already know that the speaker for our January talk from Stop the Traffik had to withdraw at short notice due to circumstances beyond her control. We did our best to notify our membership and it is only the second time in about fifteen years that our speaker has failed to materialise but profuse apologies from all concerned. We knew there was a lot of local interest in the work of Stop the Traffik and are glad to be able to report that the talk has been rescheduled for July. We were very grateful to local resident Ian Smith for filling the gap and showing us wonderful if sometimes heart-stopping slides of his long career in rock-climbing, mostly round the coast of Great Britain.

We hope to hear before long when work on the disabled access to the Durning building will start and what installation of the platform lift in the front porch will involve. We very much hope that it will not mean that the library has to close even for a short while but we will of course keep everyone informed about what is happening. We are also looking for people who will help to clear and re-plant the area at the back. It is not physically demanding work but a bit of knowledge and enthusiasm about gardening would help. If you are interested, please contact the Library Manager, Liz Buchanan, [DurningLibrary@lambeth.gov.uk](mailto:DurningLibrary@lambeth.gov.uk).

A reminder that our AGM is on 20 April and Susanna Barnes, Head of the Library Service, will as usual provide an update on what is happening in the world of Lambeth Libraries, including of course the Durning itself. We are also looking for new committee members, in particular a new Secretary as Kay Coombs plans to resign and we have to replace her. The duties are not onerous as other committee members are responsible for such tasks as the newsletter, membership and arranging our talks. If you are interested, or know someone who might be, please contact the Chair ([pjbaines@gmail.com](mailto:pjbaines@gmail.com)).

### **Spread the Word! - a message from Liz Buchanan, Library Manager:**

We would like Library users to take out more books. Do please approach us if you cannot find what you want on the shelves as we can use the Reservation Service to order the book or get it from other Lambeth Libraries.

Looking ahead to National Volunteers week 1 - 7 June, we need to recruit volunteers to help with the following:

- Weekly craft sessions to be run every Tuesday afternoon.
- The older persons' group
- A coding/mini robots club
- Board game/quiz evenings – probably once a month
- Sewing group
- Film club
- Gardening club to improve the look of the space at the back entrance of the Library.
- We are also seeking help with events during May for the Literacy Festival and July to September for the Summer Reading Challenge.

**Friends of Durning Library Chair:** Priscilla Baines

**Committee:** Jeremy Orme, Kay Coombs, Elizabeth Barrott, Ruth Briant, Eleanor Halsall, Veronica Ledwith, Val Parker and David Tisdall.

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**Library Manager:** Liz Buchanan

**Librarian:** Edwin Macrae