

# SEE



# CHRISTMAS

A GUIDE TO FESTIVE  
EVENTS IN FOREST HILL  
KIRKDALE AND SYDENHAM



# ABOUT SEE3

## What we're all about

Our aim for SEE3 is to create vibrant local high streets in Forest Hill, Kirkdale and Sydenham. We are working to make them spaces where you can get everything you need, right on your doorstep, by bringing people and businesses together.

Imagine your local high street as a place where you can get all your shopping within walking distance. A welcoming space where you can catch up with friends over a coffee or bump into your neighbour and have a chat. Most of all a place that you enjoy coming to and where faces are familiar.

In July 2012, we were awarded government funding under the Portas Pilot initiative to help make this possible. Our plans included the Jack and Jill community hub, street markets and pop up shops. And we're still working on improvements to make your local high street an even better place.

Working with local businesses, SEE3 is our way of showing you what Sydenham, Kirkdale and Forest Hill have to offer.

## To find out more

Go online: [see3.co.uk](http://see3.co.uk)

Follow us on Twitter: @SEE3PortasPilot

Or Facebook us: [facebook.com/WeAreSEE3](https://facebook.com/WeAreSEE3)

Email: [info@SEE3.co.uk](mailto:info@SEE3.co.uk)

Thank you to our dedicated team for finding all the local festivities – we have tried our best but may have missed some!

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# A taste of what we did in 2014

In **Forest Hill** we started the year with Jack-in-the-Box where we aimed to increase the number of residents visiting the high street.

Our successes included a Film Festival, a Kids Fashion Show and Art Project and, of course, the wonderful Street Piano that has come to be loved by all the residents. Forest Hill Fashion Week continued in February and returned for a fourth season in September.



We asked a local business to add some signage in **Kirkdale** that would help spread the word. Traditional 'ghost sign' type murals were painted directly onto the walls, something Kirkdale used to have in abundance in the past.

The slightly unusual aspect of the signage used in Kirkdale has already got people excited and talking about other improvements – we see this as the beginning of good things to come for businesses in Kirkdale.



We continued with our monthly SEE **Sydenham** market on the second Saturday of the month from April to Christmas – from 11am to 5pm. Working with Sydenham Arts we have a range of entertainment under our High Street Happenings programme.

We hope more stallholders will come along to trade in our new pocket squares.

# November

Sat 29 Nov  
1-4pm

The Dietrich-Bonhoeffer-Church,  
50 Dacres Rd, SE23 2NR

## Christmas Fair German Style

German food and deli with some great products, great fun, a nice Advent atmosphere. Come and join us!

[german-church.org/london-ost](http://german-church.org/london-ost)

Sat 29 Nov  
11am-5pm

7 Woodbastwick Road,  
SE26 5LG

## Sally Earlam's Open House

Local craft makers showing their goodies, including silver jewellery, hand designed glass, textiles, cards, cakes and more.

[sally@earlam.co.uk](mailto:sally@earlam.co.uk)

Sat 29 Nov  
3-5pm

Kirkdale Bookshop, 272  
Kirkdale, SE26 4RS

## Author Signing

Come and meet the author of a new local history book: Sydenham & Forest Hill Through Time by Steve Grindlay.

[kirkdalebookshop.com](http://kirkdalebookshop.com)

Sat 29 Nov  
7-9pm

Alhambra, 148 Kirkdale,  
SE26 4BB & 161 Food+Drink,  
161 Kirkdale, SE26 4QJ

## Alhambra & 161 Christmas Cocktail Party

Belinda and Alex from 161 Food+Drink will pop across the road to Alhambra with a festive cocktail bar. Sparkly offers for all revellers. Free entry.

[alhambrahome.co.uk](http://alhambrahome.co.uk)

Sat 29 Nov  
11am-2.30pm

Forest Hill Methodist Church,  
Normanton Street, SE23 2DS

## Christmas Fair

Raffle, Tombola, Plants, Fairtrade and stalls. Lunch, refreshments and home made cakes. Entrance 50p, children 20p, under 5s free.

[foresthillmethodistchurch.org](http://foresthillmethodistchurch.org)

Sun 30 Nov  
2-4pm

Alexandra Nurseries, Estate  
House, Parish Lane, SE20 7LJ

## Christmas Wreath Making Workshop

£40 inc all materials, plus mulled wine and mince pies.

[alexandranurseries.co.uk](http://alexandranurseries.co.uk)

020 8778 4145

Sun 30 Nov  
10.30am-3.30pm

Trattoria Raffaele,  
94 Sydenham Road, SE26 5JX

## Artisan Christmas Market

Christmas gifts, artisan breads, mulled wine, preserves, mince pies and a lucky dip for children.

020 8778 6262

Sun 30 Nov  
11-4pm

Mosaics at Heart, 45 Penderley  
Road, Catford, SE6 2LH

## Artists Open House & Craft Fair

15 local artists selling a wide range of handmade art and gifts, mulled wine, mince pies and raffle.

[mosaicshatheart.co.uk](http://mosaicshatheart.co.uk)

# December

Weekly on Saturdays  
9am-1.30pm

Horniman Museum, 100 London  
Road, SE23 3PQ (Garden)

## Horniman Farmers' Market

Weekly farmers' market selling a  
variety of local produce, hot food  
and more.

[horniman.ac.uk](http://horniman.ac.uk)

All through December

Sue Ryder, 71 Sydenham Rd,  
SE26 5UA

## Bumper Christmas Raffle

Buy tickets for a large dolls house  
and an acoustic guitar.

020 8659 1664

Every Sat in Dec  
10am-5pm

Granny's Goodies, 96 Kirkdale,  
SE26 4BG

## Christmas offers

Come and say hello to Mother  
Christmas and see our special  
seasonal discounts.

[grannys-goodies.co.uk](http://grannys-goodies.co.uk)

Wed 3 Dec  
7-9pm

Alexandra Nurseries, Estate  
House, Parish Lane, SE20 7LJ

## Christmas Wreath Making Workshop

£40 inc all materials, plus mulled  
wine and mince pies.

[alexandranurseries.co.uk](http://alexandranurseries.co.uk)

020 8778 4145

Wed 3 Dec  
7.30pm-late

161 Food+Drink, 161 Kirkdale,  
SE26 4QJ

## 161 Food & Drink tasting evening

Explore our seasonal range of  
wines, beers and foods – essential  
research for the festive season.

Tickets £15.

[161kirkdale@gmail.com](mailto:161kirkdale@gmail.com)  
[twitter @161kirk](https://twitter.com/161kirk)

Wed 3 Dec  
6-9pm

Stag & Bow, 8 Dartmouth  
Road, SE23 3XU

## Introduction to Embroidery

£48 for 3 hours – exploring  
freehand embroidery  
techniques with Aimee to  
make your own sampler.

[aimeebetts.com](http://aimeebetts.com)

Thurs 4 Dec  
5-8pm

Billings, 45 Sydenham Road,  
SE26 5EX

## Billings Butchers & Fishmongers Christmas Presentation

Taste our award-winning free range  
turkeys and chat to our experienced  
butchers & fishmongers over a  
glass or two of mulled wine.

[shopbillings.co.uk](http://shopbillings.co.uk)

Thurs 4 Dec  
5-8pm

The Butchery, 49 London Rd,  
SE23 3TY

## Christmas Taster

Taste our Christmas goodies, talk  
turkey with our farmers Nick &  
Jacob from Fosse Meadows and  
enjoy a warm Krupnik or two.

[thebutcheryltd.com](http://thebutcheryltd.com)

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Thurs 4 Dec  
7-10pm

On The Hoof Bistro, 23 Sydenham  
Road, SE26 5EX

### Music Night

Hosted by Devaki and Thomas with  
featured acts and open mic.

**020 8659 7333**

Thurs 4 Dec  
Until 8pm

Finches Ski and Cycle, 25 -29  
Perry Vale, SE23 2NE

### Finches Movie night

Late night opening with popcorn  
& glühwein.

**[finchesemporium.com](http://finchesemporium.com)**

Thurs 4 Dec  
6-9pm

Bunka, 4 Dartmouth Road,  
SE23 3XU

### Bunka's Christmas Celebration

20% off Christmas event with  
mulled wine & mince pies.

**020 8291 4499**

Thurs 4 Dec  
7.30pm

Dame Cicely Saunders Room  
St Christopher's Hospice, 51-59  
Lawrie Park Rd, SE26 6DZ

### Special Christmas Concert

Juliet Welchman world-renowned  
cellist.

**[stchristophers.org.uk](http://stchristophers.org.uk)**

Fri 5 9-1pm  
Sat 6 10-1pm

75 Horniman Drive, SE23 3BU

### Twisted-vintage Jewellery Christmas Special Open Studio Sale

Looking for a different or unique gift  
for a special person? Then don't  
miss it!

**[twisted-vintage.co.uk](http://twisted-vintage.co.uk)**

Fri 5 Dec  
3.30pm-5.30pm

St Bartholomew's Primary  
School, The Peak, SE26 4LJ

### Christmas Fair

Mulled wine, crafts, gifts, second-  
hand toys, a bumper raffle and  
more. Free entry.

**[friendsofstbarts@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofstbarts@gmail.com)**

Fri 5 Dec  
3.30pm-5pm

Eliot Bank Primary School,  
Thorpewood Avenue, SE26 4BU

### Christmas Fair

Festive arts and crafts, Christmas  
Gifts, refreshments, tombola,  
raffle, Santa's lucky dip  
and much more.

**[EBSAinfo@gmail.com](mailto:EBSAinfo@gmail.com)**

Fri 5 Dec  
3.30pm-6pm

Sydenham Garden, 28a Wynell  
Road, SE23 2LW

### Santa's Grotto

Meet Santa in his grotto (with crackling  
snow and an elf fishing game) £5 a  
child (£2.50 for each extra child).

**Booking essential**

**020 8291 1650 or [info@  
sydenhamgarden.org.uk](mailto:info@sydenhamgarden.org.uk)**

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Fri 5 Dec  
6-9pm

Kirkdale Bookshop, 272 Kirkdale,  
SE26 4RS

### Late Night Opening

Enjoy your Christmas shopping in a relaxed atmosphere with mince pies, mulled wine & Christmas cheer.

Special offers on the night.

[kirkdalebookshop.com](http://kirkdalebookshop.com)

Fri 5 Dec  
4.30-7pm

Dalmain Primary School, Grove Close, Brockley Rise, SE23 1AS

### Magic of Christmas

Experience the magic of Christmas with Tea Dance for Little People, Santa and much more.

[info@dalmain.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:info@dalmain.lewisham.sch.uk)

Fri 5 Dec  
7-10pm

Alhambra, 148 Kirkdale, SE26 4BB

### Christmas Shopping Evening

Complimentary mulled sangria and special discounts on all stock – with an extra 10% off rugs on the night.

[alhambrahome.co.uk](http://alhambrahome.co.uk)

Fri 5 Dec  
7.30pm

St. Bartholomew's Church,  
Westwood Hill, SE26 6QR

### Francis Chappell's Service

A special service for those bereaved, particularly recently.

[stbartschurchsydenham.org](http://stbartschurchsydenham.org)

Fri 5 Dec  
6.30pm-9pm

Sydenham Community Library  
210 Sydenham Road, SE26 5SE

### Gospel concert

Tickets £3 in advance and £4 on the door.

**0208 778 1753**

Sat 6 & Sun 7 Dec  
10-4pm

Here for Good, 17 Sydenham Road,  
SE26 5EX

### Christmas Pop Up

Local makers and artists selling a range of unique products including ceramics, textiles, cosmetics, artwork, Christmas decorations and more.

[bromleykay@hotmail.com](mailto:bromleykay@hotmail.com)

Sat 6 & Sun 7 Dec  
10am-5pm

Alexandra Nurseries, Estate House, Parish Lane, SE20 7LJ

### Christmas Fair

Independent local makers selling handmade gifts & seasonal food and drink. Mulled wine and mince pies.

And of course Christmas trees!

[alexandranurseries.co.uk](http://alexandranurseries.co.uk)

**020 8778 4145**

Sat 6 & Sun 7 Dec  
10.30am-4.30pm

Horniman Museum, 100 London Road, SE23 3PQ (Garden)

### Traditional Christmas Fair

Browse unique gifts at the Christmas market. Join in the Christmas Trail, enjoy festive treats. On Sunday there will be local choirs – wrap up warm and come along!

[horniman.ac.uk](http://horniman.ac.uk)

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Sat 6 & Sun 7 Dec  
7-9pm  
11-5pm

30 Kingsthorpe Road, SE26 4PG

### **"Glisten Shine and Warm" Christmas Open House**

Gorgeous glass by Pippa Stacey,  
handcrafted silver jewellery by Sally  
Earlam and 'Thistledown Vintage  
Style' – recycled cashmere  
and wool goodies.

[pipstaceyglass.com](http://pipstaceyglass.com)

Sat 6 & Sun 7 Dec  
12-7pm

The Lovely Gallery, 140  
Sydenham Road, SE26 5JZ

### **Affordable Art Fair**

Mulled wine, mince pies and  
music.

[thelovelygallery.com](http://thelovelygallery.com)

Sat 6 & Sun 7 Dec  
12-6pm

Havelock Walk, SE23 3HG

### **Open Studios Havelock Walk**

Featuring Christmas trees, lights,  
music and a wealth of creative  
artefacts.

[havelockwalk.com](http://havelockwalk.com)

Sat 6 Dec  
10.30am-2.30pm

Wesley Hall Methodist  
Church,  
211-213 Sydenham Road,  
SE26 5HF

### **Christmas Fair**

[wesleyhall.wordpress.com](http://wesleyhall.wordpress.com)

Sat 6 Dec  
9am-12pm

Stag & Bow, 8 Dartmouth  
Road, SE23 3XU

### **Christmas foil decorations**

£48 for 3 hours – hand printing  
with Anna Jackson of Black  
Cactus Design, using metallic  
foiling techniques.

Sat 6 Dec  
10am-2.30pm

Community Education  
Lewisham

Brockley Rise Centre,  
2 Brockley Rise, SE23 1PR

### **Christmas door wreath design**

£35 (full fee) £26 (reduced/  
concession) inc. all materials  
plus mince pies.

[cel.lewisham.gov.uk](http://cel.lewisham.gov.uk)

Sat 6 Dec  
11am-3pm

St Christopher's Hospice, 51-59  
Lawrie Park Road, SE26 6DZ

### **Christmas Festival**

Festive stalls, entertainment,  
refreshments, prizes and, of course,  
a visit from Father Christmas!  
Entry £1, Kids free.

[stchristophers.org.uk](http://stchristophers.org.uk)

Sat 6 Dec  
11am-3pm

Sydenham Garden,  
28a Wynell Road, SE23 2LW

### **Christmas Fair**

Home made goodies for sale, hot  
and cold food, bumper raffle as  
well as live music.

Entry £1, Conc. 50p.

[sydenhamgarden.org.uk](http://sydenhamgarden.org.uk)



Sat 6 Dec  
3pm

The Dietrich-Bonhoeffer-  
Church, 50 Dacres Rd,  
SE23 2NR

**Advent Recorder Recital**  
[german-church.org/london-ost](http://german-church.org/london-ost)

Sat 6 Dec  
2-3.45pm

Sydenham Community Library,  
210 Sydenham Road, SE26 5SE

**Sydenham Assembly**

Community meeting with updates on The Greyhound, works to Lower Sydenham, managing waste and voting for bids to the Assembly fund. Followed by refreshments.

[Lewisham.gov.uk/localassemblies/sydenhamassembly](http://Lewisham.gov.uk/localassemblies/sydenhamassembly)

Sat 6 Dec  
4.00-6.00pm

Sydenham Community Library,  
210 Sydenham Road, SE26 5SE

**Launch of the literary piazza -  
This Elf Has Had Enough**

Stickybeak Theatre premieres their new family show celebrating the magic of Christmas and friendship. Free event leads into launch of the piazza with lighting of the Christmas tree, choirs and carols.

[stickybeaktheatre.com](http://stickybeaktheatre.com)

Sat 6 Dec  
7.30pm

St Augustine's Church, One Tree  
Hill, Honor Oak Park, SE23 3LE

**The Messiah by G.F. Handel**

Performance with soloists, choir  
and orchestra.

[augustineonetreehill.org.uk](http://augustineonetreehill.org.uk)

Sat 6 Dec  
2-5pm

The Shop Revolution Marketplace,  
67 Sydenham Road, SE26 5HB

**Storytelling, face-painting and  
Christmas crafts**

Festive stories 2-3pm £2.50/child  
Face-painting 3-4pm £2.50/child  
Christmas crafts 4-5pm £2.50/child

Sat 6 Dec  
3.30-5.30pm

Forest Hill Community Church,  
Malham Christian Centre,  
118 Malham Road, SE23 1AN

**Christmas Messy Church**

Crafts, fun activities and a Christmas story, for all the family. Food included, completely free.

[fhcommunitychurch.net/christmas](http://fhcommunitychurch.net/christmas)

Sat 6 Dec  
3.15-5pm

Forest Hill station forecourt

**Forest Hill Christmas Lights**

Churches Together Sydenham and Forest Hill present a pop up community concert to kick off the festive season. Local choirs, schools and performers gather together to entertain Forest Hill with a selection of Christmas songs.

4pm Christmas tree lights switched on.

4-5pm Carol singing with Brass Ensemble.  
Grab a carol sheet and join in!

[holyltrinitycentre.org.uk](http://holyltrinitycentre.org.uk)

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Sun 7 Dec  
11am-4pm

Cancer Research UK,  
101 Sydenham Road, SE26 5UA

### Grand Christmas opening fete

Mother Christmas, raffle for large Christmas hamper and lucky dip for the children.

0208 659 7325

Sun 7 Dec  
11am

Forest Hill Methodist Church,  
Normanton Street, SE23 2DS

### 2nd Sunday in Advent

Gift & Toy Service supporting Voluntary Services Lewisham Christmas Appeal 2014.

[foresthillmethodistchurch.org](http://foresthillmethodistchurch.org)

Tues 9 & Thurs 11 Dec  
4.30-5.15pm

Sydenham Community Library,  
210 Sydenham Road, SE26 5SE

### This Elf Has Had Enough

Stickybeak Theatre presents a fun filled action packed adventure for the whole family. Celebrating the magic of Christmas and friendship. Tickets £5.

[stickybeaktheatre.com](http://stickybeaktheatre.com)

Sun 7 Dec  
10.30am

Grove Centre Church,  
2 Jews Walk, SE26 6PL

### Gift Service

Gifts of toys and vouchers are brought to the Christmas tree for distribution by Voluntary Services Lewisham to children in need.

0208 778 8601

Sun 7 Dec  
11am-5pm

Inkwa Tattoos & Sugahill, 250 and  
254 Kirkdale, SE26 4NL

### The alternative indoor Christmas market

An alternative experience for original Christmas presents: handmade jewellery, t-shirts, organic skin and hair care products and cakes.

[inkwatattoos.co.uk](http://inkwatattoos.co.uk)

0203 417 8290

Sun 7 Dec  
11am-4pm

84 Lennard Road, SE20 7LY

### Open studio

Enjoy mulled wine and mince pies – paintings by David Evans, ceramics by Kathy Miller and green woodworking with Richard Cooper.

Tues 9 Dec  
6-9pm

Stag & Bow, 8 Dartmouth Road,  
SE23 3XU

### Stitch it Simple

£48 for 3 hours – join Beth Sheard, author of 'Stitch it Simple' to make stitched Christmas keepsakes from her book.

[bethsheard.co.uk](http://bethsheard.co.uk)

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Wed 10 Dec  
6-9pm

Stag & Bow, 8 Dartmouth  
Road, SE23 3XU

### **Braided Bracelets**

£48 for 3 hours – make bracelets  
with mixed media textile artist  
Aimee Betts using ancient  
knotting and rope work  
techniques.

[aimeebetts.com](http://aimeebetts.com)

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Wed 10 Dec  
7.30pm-late

161 Food+Drink, 161 Kirkdale,  
SE26 4QJ

### **161 Food & Drink tasting evening**

Explore our seasonal range of  
wines, beers and foods.  
Tickets £15.

[161kirkdale@gmail.com](mailto:161kirkdale@gmail.com)

[@twitter @161kirk](https://twitter.com/161kirk)

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Thurs 11 Dec  
6.30-8.30pm

JH Skin Care Clinic,  
137 Kirkdale, SE26 4QJ

### **JH Skincare Clinic Christmas Shopping Night**

Enjoy a glass of wine and mince pie,  
tick off the Christmas shopping list with  
skincare, hand and body lotions,  
candles, soaps and Gift Vouchers  
all wrapped, packed and ready to  
go!

[jhskincareclinic.co.uk](http://jhskincareclinic.co.uk)

Thurs 11 Dec  
Until 8pm

Finches Ski and Cycle,  
25-29 Perry Vale, SE23 2NE

### **Finches Movie night**

Late night opening with  
popcorn & glühwein.

[finchesemporium.com](http://finchesemporium.com)

Thurs 11 & 18 Dec  
6.30-8.30pm

Stag & Bow, 8 Dartmouth Road,  
SE23 3XU

### **My! What a lovely Beanie!**

£66 for 4 hours. Step your knitting  
practice up through making a  
Beanie hat.

# 12

Fri 12 Dec  
7pm

St Michael and All Angels Church,  
Champion Crescent, SE26 4HH

### **An evening of Christmas Music & Carols**

The Elm Singers in aid of  
Sydenham Garden.

[sydenhamgarden.org.uk](http://sydenhamgarden.org.uk)

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Sat 13 Dec  
10.30-11am

Kirkdale Bookshop,  
272 Kirkdale, SE26 4RS

## Christmas Storytime

For children aged 3+, no  
booking required, free event.

[kirkdalebookshop.com](http://kirkdalebookshop.com)

Sat 13 Dec  
10am-6pm

Alhambra, 148 Kirkdale,  
SE26 4BB

## Christmas Shopping

Complimentary mulled sangria.

[alhambrahome.co.uk](http://alhambrahome.co.uk)

Sat 13 Dec  
10am-2.30pm

Community Education Lewisham  
Brockley Rise Centre,  
2 Brockley Rise, SE23 1PR

## Christmas door wreath design

£35 (full fee) £26 (reduced/  
concession) includes all materials  
plus mince pies.

[cel.lewisham.gov.uk](http://cel.lewisham.gov.uk)

Sat 13 Dec  
10am-4pm

Whites Pet Centre,  
80 Sydenham Rd, SE26 5JX

## Exotic Pets petting

Come and pet some amazing  
creatures including tarantulas and  
bearded dragons.

[whitespetcarecentre.london.se26.co.uk](http://whitespetcarecentre.london.se26.co.uk)

Sat 13 Dec  
11am-4pm

Stag & Bow, 8 Dartmouth  
Road, SE23 3XU

## Stag & Bow's 4th Birthday Party & Scarf Festival Celebration

Celebrate the best of making at  
Stag & Bow with a mince pie and  
cup o' mulled wine in hand.

[stagandbow.com](http://stagandbow.com)

Sat 13 Dec  
11am-Noon

Kirkdale Bookshop,  
272 Kirkdale, SE26 4RS

## Pop-up Poetry in the Bookshop

Come along and read your own  
poetry or a favourite poem – or just  
listen while you are browsing.

[kirkdalebookshop.com](http://kirkdalebookshop.com)

Sat 13 Dec  
11.45am & 1pm

Horniman Museum, 100 London  
Road, SE23 3PQ (Garden)

## Hands on Family Workshops

Touch real museum objects in  
these popular themed sessions for  
families. Free. For families with  
children aged 3+.

[horniman.ac.uk](http://horniman.ac.uk)

Sat 13 Dec  
11am-3pm

Sydenham Community Library,  
210 Sydenham Road, SE26 5SE

## Christmas stalls and Santa's Grotto

Santa will be visiting the library  
– £3 or less per child, receive a  
small present and tell him your  
wishes plus raffle.

0208 778 1753

Sat 13 Dec  
11am-4pm

Forest Hill Community Church,  
Here for Good, 17 Sydenham Road,  
SE26 5EX

## Community Nativity Display

Demonstrate your arts and crafts skill  
and help make a huge nativity window  
display! For all the family, no cost.

[fhcommunitychurch.net/christmas](http://fhcommunitychurch.net/christmas)

# 13

Sat 13 Dec  
11am-5pm

Venner & Queensthorpe Squares  
The Sydenham Centre and high street

## Sydenham Christmas Market and Extravaganza!

11am sees the start of the Christmas market with a range of hot food and craft stalls offering unique Christmas gifts. Peter Caesar will be playing keyboards at Venner Square.

Join us at 12 noon in The Sydenham Centre for free craft workshops and a community concert for the festive season.

Local choirs will start the concert at 1pm and during the afternoon we hope you will join in with some old favourites. The line up includes Forest Hill School performing both original and repertoire music.

Gina Watson, soprano, will sing some festive songs. The fabulous Frockettes will perform some Christmas swing.

At 4.30pm Our Lady & St Philip Neri RC School brass band will play carols outside The Sydenham Centre and at 4.45pm we will light up the Christmas tree in Queensthorpe Square followed by further carols until 5pm.

### Join us for a fun time in Sydenham

[ginawatson.co.uk](http://ginawatson.co.uk)

[frockettes.co.uk](http://frockettes.co.uk)

[SEE3.co.uk](http://SEE3.co.uk)

Sat 13 Dec  
1-4pm

75 Horniman Drive, SE23 3BU

### Twisted-vintage Jewellery Open House 'Men's Day Special'

Choose that special present for the women in your life whilst indulging in beer and mince pies.

[twisted-vintage.co.uk](http://twisted-vintage.co.uk)

Sat 13 Dec  
3pm

Wesley Hall Methodist Church  
211-213 Sydenham Road,  
SE26 5HF

### Afternoon tea with Christmas entertainment

[wesleyhall.wordpress.com](http://wesleyhall.wordpress.com)

Sat 13 Dec  
4pm

Forest Hill Station to Holy Trinity centre, Trinity Path, Sydenham Park, SE26 4EA

### Live Nativity

Journey with Mary and Joseph and the donkey to Bethlehem, arriving at Holy Trinity to see, hear and smell the stable as city farm animals set the scene!

[holytrinitycentre.org.uk](http://holytrinitycentre.org.uk)

Sat 13 Dec  
1.30pm & 2.45pm

Horniman Museum, 100 London Road, SE23 3PQ (Garden)

### Art Makers

Create a pretty Romanian Christmas Star to take home.

Tickets: £3 Child, adults free. For families with children aged 3+.

[horniman.ac.uk](http://horniman.ac.uk)

Sat 13 Dec  
2-4pm

The Shop Revolution Marketplace,  
167 Sydenham Road, SE26 5HB

### Christmas door wreath design

£45 for 2 hour session hosted by Miss Victoria's Floral Emporium teaching participants all the essential skills to create a beautiful arrangement.

[missvictoriasfloralemporium@gmail.com](mailto:missvictoriasfloralemporium@gmail.com)

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Sun 14 Dec  
10am

St. Bartholomew's Church, Westwood Hill, Sydenham, SE26 6QR

### **The Star Service**

Hang stars on the Christmas tree containing donations to SightSavers.

[stbartschurchsydenham.org](http://stbartschurchsydenham.org)

Sun 14 Dec  
3.30pm

The Dietrich-Bonhoeffer-Church, 50 Dacres Rd, SE23 2NR

### **Carol Service with German and English carols**

[foresthillemethodistchurch.org](http://foresthillemethodistchurch.org)

Sun 14 Dec  
11am

St Augustine's Church, One Tree Hill, Honor Oak Park, SE23 3LE

### **Family Service with Christingles**

A fun and interactive service for 0-11 year old children. Hear the story of the Christingle and what it means for us today.

[augustineonetreehill.org.uk](http://augustineonetreehill.org.uk)

Sun 14 Dec  
5pm

St. Philip Neri Catholic Church, 208 Sydenham Rd, SE26 5SE

### **Christmas Music & Carol Concert**

[stphilipneri@btinternet.com](mailto:stphilipneri@btinternet.com)

Tues 15 - Sat 20 Dec  
8.30am-5pm

Fig and Pistachio, 101 Kirkdale, SE26 4QJ

### **Christmas Coffee Offer**

Free coffee when you purchase a gift.

[@figandpistachio](https://www.instagram.com/figandpistachio)

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Wed 17 Dec  
10.30-11am

Kirkdale Bookshop, 272 Kirkdale,  
SE26 4RS

### Christmas Storytime

For children aged 3+, no booking  
required, free event.

[kirkdalebookshop.com](http://kirkdalebookshop.com)

Wed 17 Dec  
7.30pm-late

161 Food+Drink, 161 Kirkdale,  
SE26 4QJ

### 161 Food & Drink tasting evening

Explore our seasonal range of  
wines, beers and foods. Tickets  
£15.

[161kirkdale@gmail.com](mailto:161kirkdale@gmail.com)

[twitter @161kirk](https://twitter.com/161kirk)

Thurs 18 Dec  
Until 8pm

Finches Ski and Cycle,  
25-29 Perry Vale, SE23 2NE

### Finches Movie night

Late night opening with popcorn &  
glühwein.

[finchesemporium.com](http://finchesemporium.com)

Thurs 18 Dec  
7.30pm

Golden Lion Pub, 116 Sydenham Rd,  
SE26 5JX

### Sydenham Film Club Christmas Quiz and short films

A festive film quiz offering great prizes  
and the chance to meet fellow local  
film lovers.

[sydenhamfilmclub.org](http://sydenhamfilmclub.org)

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Sat 20 Dec  
7.30pm

Canvas & Cream,  
18 London Road, SE23 3HF

### Auction – Straight from the Artists' Studio

Exhibition & Viewing –  
14th-20th December

Opportunity to buy artworks you  
may not be able to access at  
studio prices.

[ccgallery.co.uk](http://ccgallery.co.uk)

Sat 20 Dec  
10am-6pm

Alhambra, 148 Kirkdale, SE26 4BB

### Christmas Shopping

Complimentary mulled sangria.

[alhambrahome.co.uk](http://alhambrahome.co.uk)

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Sun 21 Dec  
4pm

St Augustine's, One Tree Hill,  
Honor Oak Park, SE23 3LE

## **Carol Service**

Hear the Christmas story through  
music, spoken word and image.

[augustineonetreehill.org.uk](http://augustineonetreehill.org.uk)

Sun 21 Dec  
10.30am

Grove Centre Church,  
2 Jews Walk, SE26 6PL

## **Children's Nativity Play**

0208 778 8601

Sun 21 Dec  
10.30am

Forest Hill Community Church,  
Sydenham High School, Amberley  
Grove, Westwood Hill, SE26

## **Carol Service**

Christmas Carol Service for all the  
family, with mince pies!

[fhcommunitychurch.net/christmas](http://fhcommunitychurch.net/christmas)

Sun 21 Dec  
5pm

Forest Hill Methodist Church,  
Normanton Street, SE23 2DS

## **Carols by Candlelight with Christingle**

[foreshillmethodistchurch.org](http://foreshillmethodistchurch.org)

Sun 21 Dec  
6pm

St. Bartholomew's Church,  
Westwood Hill, SE26 6QR

## **Carol Service**

Service of nine lessons and carols,  
including traditional ones for the  
congregation to sing.

[stbartschurchsydenham.org](http://stbartschurchsydenham.org)

Sun 21 Dec  
7pm

Holy Trinity Centre, Trinity Path,  
Sydenham Park, SE26 4EA

## **Carol Service**

A candlelit service telling the  
Christmas story through carols,  
songs, readings and images.

[holyltrinitycentre.org.uk](http://holyltrinitycentre.org.uk)

Mon 22 Dec  
10am-11.30am

Holy Trinity Centre,  
4 Trinity Path, Sydenham Park,  
SE26 4EA

## **Christmas Messy Church**

A Christmas themed event for all the  
family including: crafts, activities, fun,  
songs, Christingle making and a short  
time of singing and reflection.

[holyltrinitycentre.org.uk](http://holyltrinitycentre.org.uk)

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Wed 24 Dec  
4pm

St Augustine's, One Tree Hill,  
Honor Oak Park, SE23 3LE

### **Crib Service**

Our popular service for the young  
and young at heart. Come dressed  
as a nativity character!

[augustineonetreehill.org.uk](http://augustineonetreehill.org.uk)

Wed 24 Dec  
4pm & 11.30pm

Church of the Resurrection,  
165-169 Kirkdale, SE26 4QL

### **Crib Service & Carols and Midnight Mass**

4pm Service for Young Children,  
Assembling the Crib and  
Dressing the Christmas Tree.

11.30pm Carols and  
Midnight Mass.

Wed 24 Dec  
4pm & 11.30pm

St. Bartholomew's Church,  
Westwood Hill, SE26 6QR

### **Christingle Service and The Midnight Mass**

A short informal service for  
children. A special Eucharist to  
welcome in Christmas Day.

[stbartschurchsydenham.org](http://stbartschurchsydenham.org)

Wed 24 Dec  
3pm & 11.30pm

St. Philip the Apostle, Coombe  
Road, Wells Park, SE26 6QW

### **Childrens' Crib Service and Midnight Mass**

Come and join us to act out the  
story of Jesus' incarnation  
at Christmas.

Wed 24 Dec  
4pm

The Dietrich-Bonhoeffer-Church,  
50 Dacres Rd, SE23 2NR

### **Christmas Eve Service (Christvesper)**

Family service mainly held in  
German but all are welcome.

[german-church.org/london-ost](http://german-church.org/london-ost)

Wed 24 Dec  
11pm

Holy Trinity Church Centre  
4 Trinity Path, Sydenham Park,  
SE26 4EA

### **Midnight Communion**

A candlelit service to celebrate  
the wonder of Christmas.

[holyltrinitycentre.org.uk](http://holyltrinitycentre.org.uk)

Wed 24 Dec  
11.15pm

Forest Hill Methodist  
Church, Normanton Street,  
SE23 2DS

### **A Tranquil Midnight Christmas Communion**

[foresthillmethodistchurch.org](http://foresthillmethodistchurch.org)

Wed 24 Dec  
6.30pm & 11.30pm

St. Philip Neri Catholic  
Church, 208 Sydenham Rd,  
SE26 5SE

### **Vigil Mass and Carols & Midnight Mass**

[stphilipneri@btinternet.com](mailto:stphilipneri@btinternet.com)

Wed 24 Dec  
11.30pm

St Augustine's, One Tree Hill,  
Honor Oak Park, SE23 3LE

### **Midnight Communion**

A celebration of the light of  
Christmas with Holy Communion.

[augustineonetreehill.org.uk](http://augustineonetreehill.org.uk)

Wed 24 Dec  
11.30pm

All Saints, Trewsbury Road,  
SE26 5DP

### **Midnight Communion**

Wed 24 Dec  
11.30pm

Grove Centre Church,  
2 Jews Walk, SE26 6PL

### **Midnight Communion**

0208 778 8601

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Thurs 25 Dec  
9.30am & 11am

Church of the Resurrection,  
165-169, Kirkdale, SE26 4QL  
**Christmas Day Mass**

Thurs 25 Dec  
11.00am

St Augustine's Church, One Tree  
Hill, Honor Oak Park, SE23 3LE

### **Christmas Day Family Service**

An all-age service with Holy  
Communion to celebrate the  
joy of Christmas.

[augustineonetreehill.org.uk](http://augustineonetreehill.org.uk)

Thurs 25 Dec  
10.30am

St. Philip Neri Catholic  
Church, 208 Sydenham Rd,  
SE26 5SE

### **Christmas Morning Mass**

[stphilipneri@btinternet.com](mailto:stphilipneri@btinternet.com)

Thurs 25 Dec  
10am

St. Bartholomew's Church,  
Westwood Hill, SE26 6QR

### **Christmas Morning Eucharist**

Traditional Eucharist but to  
celebrate Christmas Day

[stbartschurchsydenham.org](http://stbartschurchsydenham.org)

Thurs 25 Dec  
10am

Holy Trinity Centre, 4 Trinity Path,  
Sydenham Park, SE26 4EA

### **Christmas Day Family Service**

A family service to celebrate the  
joy of Christmas, with Holy  
Communion.

[holyltrinitycentre.org.uk](http://holyltrinitycentre.org.uk)

Thurs 25 Dec  
10.30am

Forest Hill Methodist  
Church, Normanton Street,  
SE23 2DS

### **Family Celebration**

[foresthillmethodistchurch.org](http://foresthillmethodistchurch.org)

Thurs 25 Dec  
10.30am

Forest Hill Community Church,  
Sydenham High School, Amberley  
Grove, Westwood Hill, SE26 6BL

### **Christmas Morning Family Carol Service**

[fhcommunitychurch.net/christmas](http://fhcommunitychurch.net/christmas)

Thurs 25 Dec  
11.00am

Wesley Hall Methodist Church,  
211-213 Sydenham Road,  
SE26 5HF

### **Christmas Day Service**

[wesleyhall.wordpress.com](http://wesleyhall.wordpress.com)

Thurs 25 Dec  
10.30am

Grove Centre Church,  
2 Jews Walk, SE26 6PL

### **Christmas Day Family Service**

Short all-age service  
**0208 778 8601**

Wed 31 Dec  
11.15pm

Forest Hill Methodist Church,  
Normanton Street, SE23 2DS

### **See in the New Year with a traditional Watchnight Service**

[foresthillmethodistchurch.org](http://foresthillmethodistchurch.org)

Wed 31 Dec  
4pm

The Dietrich-Bonhoeffer-  
Church,  
50 Dacres Rd, SE23 2NR

### **End of Year Service**

[german-church.org/london-ost](http://german-church.org/london-ost)

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# Sydenham Arts Festival: the next stage

Sydenham Arts is spreading its wings and planning some very exciting new activities:

- Seasonal, themed 'mini festivals' eg Classical Music, Theatre and Film
- Touring theatre shows in schools
- New partnerships with Brockley Max, Horniman Museum and Crystal Palace Overground Festival to get more residents joining in
- Creating a permanent venue for performance and exhibitions

**For more information  
please contact**

*director@sydenhamartsfestival.co.uk*

020 3659 0551

**sydenhamartsfestival.co.uk**

**Also look out in the New Year for our first quarterly magazine, listing the very best in events in the area. Here's just a taste of what to look forward to:**

### **High Street Happenings**

In collaboration with SEE3, regular entertainment alongside the monthly markets.

### **Mr Tibbetts' Old Time Music Hall**

A delightfully vintage recreation of a Victorian variety show, Livesey Hall, 8 Feb 2015.

### **Sydenham Arts Word Fayre**

A 10-day festival of Literature and the Spoken Word in March, featuring authors Alan Johnson MP and Xiaolu Guo.

### **Home Fires**

Touring our WW1 play in schools.

### **Sydenham Arts Summer Festival**

Don't miss the glorious American-style Street Celebration on 4 July, the incredible story of Eleanor Marx and 7 Jews Walk, the intrepid explorers of The Astounding Ascent of P4 and dare you enter the amazing Sydenhamaze?

# Here's how you can join in with your community

# 1

## Local assembly meetings

If you want to have your say about your neighbourhood, come along to one of our local assemblies in the New Year. It's a place where you and your councillors can work together to shape the future of the area.

- Forest Hill Tuesday 17th February
- Perry Vale Tuesday 10th March
- Sydenham Wednesday 11th March

All the assemblies run from 7-9pm

[lewisham.gov.uk](http://lewisham.gov.uk) @LewishamCouncil [facebook.com/Lewisham-Council](https://www.facebook.com/Lewisham-Council)

# 2

## SEE3 Town Team and Core Group

SEE3 is proud to have achieved a lot over the last two years. We are now looking for new volunteer team members to join the SEE3 Core Group and Town Team. The role of the Core Group is to help achieve the SEE3 Town Team vision, devise the strategy and plan for improving our high streets.

We hold regular meetings for our Town Team which are open to all, with discussions on the delivery of programmes that will give a buzz to our high streets and communities.

[see3.co.uk](http://see3.co.uk) @SEE3PortasPilot [facebook.com/WeareSEE3](https://www.facebook.com/WeareSEE3)

# 3

## Local Societies

### Sydenham Society

The Sydenham Society was founded in 1972. Our aim is to be a voice for Sydenham and to make SE26 a better place to live and work. We strive to protect and improve services and amenities which impact on the local area. Our main areas of interest are conservation & planning, roads and transport, the environment and local history.

[SydenhamSociety.com](http://SydenhamSociety.com) @Sydenham Society [facebook.com/sydsoc](https://www.facebook.com/sydsoc)

### Forest Hill Society

The Forest Hill Society was established in 2006 and has been working to make Forest Hill an even better place to live and shop. We have some great ideas and want to hear your suggestions for ways to improve SE23.

[foresthillsociety.com](http://foresthillsociety.com) @FHSoc [facebook.com/foresthillsociety](https://www.facebook.com/foresthillsociety)

