

**Summer 2018**



Crystal Palace Community Association

**CPCA**



## ***Crunch time for Crystal Palace Park***

Bromley Council is preparing plans that will change the face of Crystal Palace Park.

The Council's proposals include:

- Sell off caravan site and area next to Sydenham Gate for residential development - 132 homes on the caravan site and 72 next to Sydenham Gate
- Earthworks to create a new terrace below the site of the original palace for major events
- Remove parking area in the centre of the park
- Reinstate entrance to park from Crystal Palace Parade (next to bus station)
- Conserve and repair terrace walls and balustrades

There is much that is welcome in the proposals, but the use of parts of the site for new homes is controversial. There is a long history to the plans for new housing. Bromley Council obtained permission to build homes back in 2012, after fierce opposition from the CPCA including a High Court challenge.

The Council's 'business model' for the Park assumes that running costs will be offset by money coming in from events and other sources – but is this realistic?

The CPCA will be responding to Bromley's planning application. We welcome all residents' views about how we respond so please get in touch to let us know what you think. You can view Bromley's plans here: [http://www.bromley.gov.uk/info/200150/crystal\\_palace\\_park/1158/regeneration\\_of\\_the\\_park](http://www.bromley.gov.uk/info/200150/crystal_palace_park/1158/regeneration_of_the_park)

### ***GLA consults on future of the National Sports Centre***

As if Bromley's plans weren't enough, the GLA, who own the National Sports Centre, is consulting about its future. The contract for operating the NSC expires in 2020 and the buildings and stadium are badly in need of investment. But it's not clear where the money will come from.



■ **Crystal Palace in its heyday - should we be looking back or forward?**

### **Picture Palace Campaign**

Congratulations to all involved with the campaign to bring a cinema to Crystal Palace. After eight years of tireless campaigning, a cinema on our doorstep is almost a reality. Everyman, which runs 22 cinemas across England, has now unveiled its exciting plans to rejuvenate the Church Road cinema in Crystal Palace. The luxury cinema chain will invest £3.2 million in the redesign of the renowned South London screen, working with the local community and the London borough of Bromley to create a brand-new venue within the iconic building. The building was previously a cinema before it closed in 1968. Everyman has said it will create a four-screen cinema and hopes the new cinema will open in November this year. For more information go to: <https://newsfromcrystalpalace.wordpress.com/2018/05/08/a-cinema-for-crystal-palace-how-the-new-everyman-will-look/>

# Community Group Update

Crystal Palace has a huge number of groups offering lots of different ways of getting involved with the local community. If you are a member of a local community group and would like us to feature you in the newsletter, get in touch at [cPCA@onetel.com](mailto:cPCA@onetel.com).

## Friends of Crystal Palace Subway

The Crystal Palace subway is a beautifully designed and crafted relic of Victorian construction hidden under the A212 at Crystal Palace Parade. The FCPS arrange to open the Subway for scheduled public access and supports a broader, long-term sustainable plan for the subway, Crystal Palace Park and the surrounding area. [Find out more at www.cpsubway.org.uk](http://www.cpsubway.org.uk).

## Friends of Crystal Palace Park

The Friends of the Park meet on the second Sunday of every month at 2pm at the Park Information Centre. Join them for some light gardening and tidying. They provide all the equipment as well as tea and biscuits.

[Find out more at www.crystalpalacepark.org.uk](http://www.crystalpalacepark.org.uk)

## Friends of Crystal Palace Dinosaurs

If dinosaurs are more your bag you can join these Friends who campaign for long-term professional conservation of these world-famous displays. They encourage research and engagement so everyone can enjoy the dinosaurs.

[Find out more at www.cpdinosaurs.org](http://www.cpdinosaurs.org)



## Crystal Palace Community Choir

Wednesdays 7 to 8.30 pm at The Paxton Centre, 53 Anerley Hill, SE19 2AE. **Contact Katie Rose - [info@therosewindow.org](mailto:info@therosewindow.org)**

## Paxton Centre

The Paxton Centre on Anerley Hill is the winner of this years' Time Out Love London award for 'Most loved local culture spot in Crystal Palace.' The Paxton Centre provides a space for local people to socialise, collaborate and get involved with various projects and community led groups. [Find out more at www.thepaxtoncentre.co.uk](http://www.thepaxtoncentre.co.uk)

## Capel Manor College

Capel Manor College offers a range of full and part-time land-based courses which lead to nationally recognised qualifications and potential progression into employment or on to further study. The next advice evening for the Crystal Palace Park Centre is Tuesday 26 June 5pm to 7.30pm and the next open day is on Saturday 16 June.

## New and coming soon.....

### The Library of Things open for borrowing

Have you paid a visit to the Library of Things at Upper Norwood Library? It's a place where you can borrow useful things like drills, gazebos and carpet cleaners at affordable prices and learn how to use them.

<https://www.libraryofthings.co.uk/crystalpalace>

### Attic Arts Club - 4 – 17 June 2018

Pop-up venue at Upper Norwood Library – side splitting comedy, though-provoking theatre, award-winning puppetry, hilarious cabaret, theatre that kids will love as well as late night fun.

### Crystal Palace Festival week - 11 – 17 June 2018

There is way too much going on during the Crystal Palace Festival week for us to tell you here – so have a look the website to make sure you don't miss anything: <https://crystalpalacefestival.org>.

## About Us

*The Crystal Palace Community Association was established in 1969 as the Crystal Palace Triangle Community Association. Over the years that CPCA has been involved in a huge variety of activities and campaigns. The CPCA's key objectives are to preserve the character of the and generally to make Crystal Palace a better place to live. The CPCA is open to all sections of the community and will support any campaign or issue that benefits the area.*

*If you value Crystal Palace and want to help us make it even better, email [cPCA@onetel.com](mailto:cPCA@onetel.com) and we will keep you updated about what we're doing.*

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