

# Thamesmead Newsletter

## February 2020

# Path to the future...



How Yarnon Way is set to look

**Yarnon Way** and **Kale Road** are set to become **greener, more pleasant** and **easier to navigate**.

As part of **Peabody's** regeneration work, a planning application has been submitted to make wide-ranging landscape improvements to the areas surrounding the **Masham, Jacob, Clydesdale, Trefoil, Timothy** and **Muscovy** blocks.

New paths, play areas, parking, trees and planting will be created and the walkway, garages and wall linking the towers will be demolished.

If the application is successful, work is due to start in the summer. Any inconvenience will be kept to a minimum and residents will be kept updated on progress.

## Save the date for Festival fun!

**Thamesmead Festival** will be back this summer on **Saturday, 18 July** - once again by **Southmere Lake** and celebrating great local talent.

**Peabody** has recruited a new Festival Production Group of 11 local people as part of the Creative People and Places programme funded by a £1m grant from Arts Council England.

The group is made up of a mix of Thamesmead residents, business owners, faith groups, teachers and Bow Arts artists. All of them will take an active role in leading the content of the festival and its running.

This year's festival will be produced by arts organisation, **Serious**, a well-known and very experienced



The Festival Production Group ready for action

company, who currently run the London Jazz Festival. **Serious** has been appointed by the Festival Production Group.

If you would like to be involved in the festival or have ideas you'd like to suggest, please email [thamesmeadnow@peabody.org.uk](mailto:thamesmeadnow@peabody.org.uk)

**Lesnes Ballot launched... find out more on page 4**



A previous Scully & Scully Thamesmead Texas exhibition

## Home is where the art is

**Peabody** has appointed local artist duo, **Scully & Scully** to bring the stories and cultures of the Ghanaian, Nigerian, Nepalese and Travelling communities to life, as well as enriching the **Thamesmead Community Archive**.

**Scully & Scully** is an artist filmmaking cooperative, who commission and produce films and exhibitions. They moved to **Thamesmead** in 2018 and set up **Thamesmead Texas**, showcasing local artists.

Funded by the **National Lottery Heritage Fund** and **Peabody**, the Thamesmead Community Archive has already collected a treasure trove of local history. To enhance the archive, **Thamesmead Texas** will be co-programming a series of events and workshops.

If you have a film or venue location, building materials, skills, tools, stories or photographs you'd like to share, please contact: @thamesmeadtexas or thamesmeadtexas@gmail.com

## New look play area

**Wolvercote Road play area** is to get a major revamp providing a much improved space for local residents. The work will include resurfacing the court and installing new lighting, an outdoor gym and new basketball and goal equipment.

They'll also be pedestrian access all around the court, new trees and an artwork painted onto the playing surface. The improvement work will start in the spring and is expected to take nine months.

There will also be a "Meet the Contractor" event at the Thamesmead Information Hub where you can come along to find out more and ask any questions before the work starts. Keep an eye on **www.thamesmeadnow.org.uk** for the date and details about the planned work.



## Kat's got the green

As part of the **Thamesmead Making Space for Nature** Programme we are launching regular drop in gardening sessions across **Thamesmead**.

Come and get your hands dirty and learn how to grow a variety of plants with Kat Wojnar, our Gardener-in-Residence, at these locations throughout the year.

The dates and times below are for February to May.

**Community Garden:** Atrium Community Centre, Park View, DA18 4AQ

**First Tuesday and third Wednesday each month. 10am-3pm.**

**Kitchen Garden:** Lakeside Centre, Edge of Southmere Lake, SE2 9AN.

**Third Friday each month. 10am-3pm.**

**Community Garden:** Claridge Way, SE28 8AS.

**Second Wednesday each month. 10am-3pm.**



Kat with Peabody's Landscape Activation Manager Jack Gower

**Titmuss Avenue Gardening Association:**

Titmuss Avenue, SE28 8BX.

**Last Friday each month. 11am-1pm.**

**Good Life Garden, Birchmere Community**

**Hub:** Birchmere Park, SE28 8AP.

**Last Thursday each month.**

**10am-3pm.**

**Crossways Park Community Orchard:**

Crossway Park, SE28 8NG.

**Second Monday each month.**

**10am-3pm.**

**Contact:** Kat for more information at Kat Wojnar [kat.wojnar@peabody.org.uk](mailto:kat.wojnar@peabody.org.uk) or 0788 0070 371

This programme is funded by a grant from European Union's Horizon 2020 CLEVER Cities project.



# Residents to vote on future of Lesnes

Residents on **South Thamesmead's Lesnes Estate** are getting the opportunity to vote on proposals to redevelop the area with 400 households able to take part.



The ballot is being held in line with the Mayor of London's initiative to give residents a say about changes planned for their area.

A "yes" vote will see **Peabody** extend the regeneration of **South Thamesmead** to the estate, demolishing existing concrete buildings with eligible residents being offered a new build home in the nearby **Southmere** area.

Voting packs will be posted to eligible voters on Friday, 21 February, who will have until 5pm on 16 March, 2020 to vote. Residents can do this by freepost, phone or online.

In the event of a yes vote the redevelopment would be in three phases, with some residents potentially being able to move into their new home by 2021/2022.

**Peabody** Project Director, Matthew Foulis, said: "These are exciting times for **Thamesmead**, and we want to make sure people continue to support our plans for future development.

"We've been listening to residents of the **Lesnes Estate** about what improvements they want to see on their estate since 2016, and we've now finalised our proposals for this area."

## Lake placid

**Southmere Lake** recently featured in the media after being named one of the top ten peaceful places in London in the **Tranquil City Index**.

It's a little busier than normal at the moment with major improvement works continuing that will make it an even more pleasant space.

The work includes reedbeds and wetlands created by the material dredged from the lake. These will provide much needed habitats to encourage wildlife and improve the ecological status of the lake as well as stabilising banks and filtering out bacteria, fungi and algae.

New platforms are also being introduced so local people can enjoy the lake and its increasing number of amenities.



Southmere Lake, one of London's top ten most peaceful places

Photo credit: Paul Upward

Photo credit: Paul Upward



Reed beds provide the perfect environment for local wildlife to flourish

## The need for reeds

**Peabody** is looking for volunteers to help install new reed beds at **Linnet Close** and **Crossway/Harrow Junction**.

The work is being funded by the **Environmental Agency**, in partnership with **London Wetland Trust** and **Thames21**, and will take place across two volunteer events at the two sites over four days from mid-March. Visit [www.thamesmeadnow.org.uk](http://www.thamesmeadnow.org.uk) to find out how to get involved.

# Greenwich means business

**The Best of Royal Greenwich Business Awards**, in association with **U+I** and supported by the **South East London Chamber of Commerce**, is being held at the InterContinental Hotel London – O2 on Friday 6 March, 2020.

The special event will be presented by guest host, breakfast TV's Steph McGovern. Guests will enjoy a champagne reception followed by lunch, before the awards ceremony starts.

We are encouraging **Thamesmead Businesses**, based in **Greenwich**, to apply and are happy to discuss your entry beforehand if you'd like some support. Attending the awards acknowledges the achievements of

our local businesses and is a great way to celebrate your success.

Tickets are priced at £55 +VAT per person and will be available to buy from February 2020.

To register your interest please email [business-awards@royalgreenwich.gov.uk](mailto:business-awards@royalgreenwich.gov.uk) indicating how many tickets you would like and a telephone number to contact you or check the website. [www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/info/200305/best\\_of\\_royal\\_greenwich\\_business\\_awards](http://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/info/200305/best_of_royal_greenwich_business_awards)

To contact Peabody's Made in Thamesmead Business Team drop us a line at [madeinthamesmead@Peabody.org.uk](mailto:madeinthamesmead@Peabody.org.uk)



Adrianna Baker, of Back-A-Yard Grill, winning Young Entrepreneur of the Year at the 2019 Awards, with host Steph McGovern and Peabody's David Bussey.

## Durkan to deliver next phase

**Peabody** has appointed contractor **Durkan** to deliver the next phase in the regeneration of **South Thamesmead**.

**Durkan** will build over 400 homes for rent, shared ownership and private sale (more than 50% of which will be affordable) around a new public square overlooking **Southmere Lake**.

This will conclude the first phase of **Southmere Village** and the revitalisation of the area which will also feature a new library and civic building. The first block will be finished by the end of October 2021 with the whole site due to be completed by July 2022.

## International Women's Day

To celebrate **International Women's Day**, a group of local residents are organising a pop-up event to bring communities together and celebrate their journeys.

Over the past year, these women have gained a number of skills including food and nutrition qualifications, multi sports and sports leadership. They have been sharing their skills with other women locally.

For details of the event, please contact **Thamesmead**. [communities@peabody.org.uk](mailto:communities@peabody.org.uk)

## Full steam ahead for 2020 awards

Later this month the **London Borough of Bexley** and the **Engine House** flexible working space will be launching the **Bexley Business Excellence Awards 2020**, in association with **Ocado**.

The event will take place on Wednesday, 5 February between 6pm and 8:30pm at **Engine House Bexley** on **Veridian Way** in Erith. There are 12 categories to choose from making this a great opportunity to nominate your business and win one of these prestigious awards.

If you're a **Thamesmead** business, based in Bexley, and would like some help putting your entry together then **Peabody** is here to give you all the support you need.

More information at [www.bexleyawards.co.uk](http://www.bexleyawards.co.uk) or to contact our **Made in Thamesmead** Business Team at [madeinthamesmead@Peabody.org.uk](mailto:madeinthamesmead@Peabody.org.uk)

## Moorings members

**Moorings Residents Community Group** was established two years ago with support from **Peabody**. Since then they have delivered many exciting activities for **Thamesmead** families, mostly during school holidays.

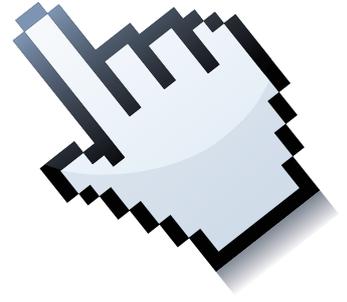
These include family fun days, trips and events celebrating Christmas, Easter and Halloween. The group is governed by local parents and working in partnership with **Charlton Athletic Community Trust** they deliver lots of their programmes from **Hawksmoor Youth Club**.

To become a member, contact [Thamesmead.communities@peabody.org.uk](mailto:Thamesmead.communities@peabody.org.uk) For further information contact [mooringscommunitygroup17@outlook.com](mailto:mooringscommunitygroup17@outlook.com)

## Half term fun

**Peabody** is planning a series of family-friendly events during February Half term (17-21 February). These will be promoted on the **Thamesmead Portal**, so please keep an eye out! Alternatively, please email Christine Carrasco on [christine.carrasco@peabody.org.uk](mailto:christine.carrasco@peabody.org.uk) to be added onto our mailing list.

# Have you had a look at **The Thamesmead** **Portal** yet?



**The Thamesmead Portal** is a one stop shop for opportunities in **Thamesmead**. You'll find information including live vacancies, free training, apprenticeships for local people, upcoming events and community meetings including the monthly **Thamesmead Business Forum**.

[www.thamesmeadnow.org.uk/portal/](http://www.thamesmeadnow.org.uk/portal/)

## THAMESMEAD BUSINESS FORUM



Meetings held 5-7pm  
First Monday of every month

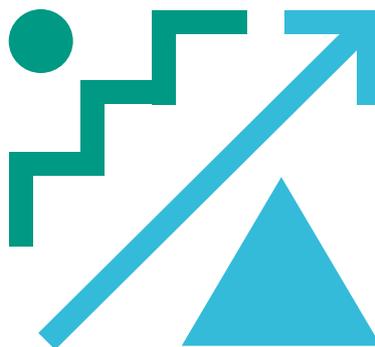
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Find out how your business can access the potential growth opportunities in Thamesmead.

Open to all individuals, Start-ups or established businesses looking to start, develop or grow in Thamesmead.

Thamesmead Information Hub Unit 214, Yarnton Way DA18 4DR  
Sporting Club Thamesmead Bayliss Avenue, Thamesmead SE28 8AU

Contact [madeinthamesmead@peabody.org.uk](mailto:madeinthamesmead@peabody.org.uk)



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# What's on February/March

## Kairos exhibition

**Date:** 28 January-29 February on Tuesdays and Wednesday - 11am-4pm

**Cost:** Free

**Venue:** Thamesmead Information Hub, 214 Yarnton Way, DA18 4DR.

Join us for our first exhibition of 2020, where art will be showcased as part of Heronsgate Clinic art therapy group.

This exhibition will also give you the opportunity to see the benefits of art therapy by asking you to take part in sessions. There will also have a special opening on Saturday 1 Feb, 11am-4pm.

**Contact:** [Lisa.Drew@peabody.org.uk](mailto:Lisa.Drew@peabody.org.uk)

## End Cottage - Alex Crocker

**Date:** Saturday, 1 February-Sunday, 15 March

**Cost:** Free

**Venue:** TACO! 30 Poplar Place, Thamesmead, London, SE28 8BA

End Cottage is where Alex Crocker lives. His daily walks, his domestic routines and family life are recorded in simple drawn images made at the kitchen table. Cats, birds, trees, flowers, people, clouds, bees and grass. The stuff of the world Alex transcribes daily on paper.

**Contact:** [www.taco.org.uk/Alex-Crocker-End-Cottage](http://www.taco.org.uk/Alex-Crocker-End-Cottage)

## Basic Skills Information Day:

**Date:** Thursday, 6 February - 10am-1pm

**Cost:** Free (creche space available).

**Venue:** Hawksmoor Youth Hub, Thamesmead, SE28 8AS

Free course are available to all Peabody residents. Why not come along and meet a tutor from Learning & Enterprise College Bexley (LECB) and London South East College (LSEC). You'll be able to find out which of the English, Maths and IT courses available are suitable for you.

**Contact:** [modest.ahmeti@peabody.org.uk](mailto:modest.ahmeti@peabody.org.uk)

## Light Up!

**Date:** Saturday, 8 February - Sunday, 9 February - 5pm until 9pm

**Cost:** Free

**Venue:** Butts Wood & Tump 53, Bentham Road, London, SE28 8AS

Come on a magical illuminated walk, explore light installations by local and international artists, grab a bite and see some of our local talent perform.



## GO TRI Cycling event

**Date:** First Saturday of every month

**Cost:** £5

**Venue:** Sporting Club Thamesmead, SE28 8HJ.

Have fun and feel good at this monthly sociable cyclist get together with family routes and longer rides for adults

**Contact:** [www.gotri.org/whats-on](http://www.gotri.org/whats-on)



## Thamesmead Culture Forum

**Date:** Every 1st Wednesday of the month, 5pm-7pm - 5 February and 4 March

**Cost:** Free

**Venue:** Thamesmead Information Hub, 214 Yarnton Way, DA18 4DR.

Discover and connect with what's happening culturally in Thamesmead.

**Contact:** [lisa.drew@peabody.org.uk](mailto:lisa.drew@peabody.org.uk)

## T-Box - Boxing Classes

**Date:** Thursday, 6 February 2020 and every Thursday from 5:30pm-8:30pm

**Cost:** £3.50 for U16's and £5 for over 16's

**Venue:** Arch 16, Byron Close, Thamesmead, SE28 8AA

Learn the basics of boxing, improve your fitness and instil discipline!

**Contact:** 07849 296436

or [tboxgym@gmail.com](mailto:tboxgym@gmail.com)

## Mindfulness & Meditation course

**Date:** Tuesday, 18 February, 9:30am-11:30am

**Cost:** Free (creche space available).

**Venue:** Hawksmoor Youth Hub, Thamesmead, London, SE28 8AS.

This course will teach you how to reduce stress, anxiety and depression by helping you focus on the present.

**Contact:** [modest.ahmeti@peabody.org.uk](mailto:modest.ahmeti@peabody.org.uk)

## Thamesmead Nature Forum Meeting IV

**Date:** Thursday, 19 March - 5:30pm-8pm

**Cost:** Free

**Venue:** Thamesmead Information Hub, 214 Yarnton Way, DA18 4DR.

For anyone who cares about nature and improving our natural spaces.

**Contact:** [thamesmeadnature@groundwork.org.uk](mailto:thamesmeadnature@groundwork.org.uk)

Please visit [thamesmeadnow.org.uk](http://thamesmeadnow.org.uk) for the full list of events.

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