

Forest Hill Society

Your Neighbourhood Matters

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Aperitivo Time: A Vermouth Masterclass with Asterley Bros.

Following the success of the Vermouth tasting in March, we have arranged a second visit to allow for more people to attend.

Thursday 2nd May 2024 6.30pm

(Places limited to 12 on each evening)

Tickets: £26.95

Location: Keynote Studios, 62 Dalmain Road, SE23 1AT

Link to book coming soon, but if you would like to reserve a place, please email email@foresthillsociety.com



The Forest Hill Society has reserved the space exclusively for our members and their friends on 2nd May 2024. Spaces are limited to 12, so don't delay!

WHO ARE WE?

We are Asterley Bros, makers of award-winning English Vermouth and botanical spirits, and we are opening up our production space to welcome in visitors for the very first time! Get ready to discover the secrets behind crafting the perfect aperitivo cocktails with our expert team. Whether you're a seasoned vermouth and cocktail enthusiast or a complete novice, this masterclass is designed to cater to all.

IS THIS LIKE A DISTILLERY TOUR?

Yes, exactly. This is a behind the scenes chance to meet the makers and learn all about botanical spirits with the very people who make them.

During the event, you'll learn about the history of vermouth production, learn about the processes and botanicals we use to make our spirits, and try your way across our full range with tastings and expert guidance.

AND THERE WILL BE DRINKS?

Of course! You'll get to try our range of botanical spirits as part of a guided tasting, along with some of our favourite serves. You will also learn how to create our favourite aperitivo cocktails, using high-quality ingredients and professional techniques. Our team will guide you through each step, sharing their tips and tricks along the way.

HOW LONG IS THE MASTERCLASS?

The event is 2 hours long. Not only will you have the opportunity to learn and

taste amazing cocktails, but you'll also get to socialize with other cocktail enthusiasts in a vibrant and welcoming atmosphere. So, grab your friends and join us for an evening filled with laughter, creativity, and of course, fantastic drinks.

Book now: <https://www.asterleybros.com/foresthillsociety>



Easter Events in Sydenham

Easter Egg Trail - Saturday 30th March

CALLING ALL 10 YEAR OLDS & UNDER FOR SYDENHAM'S

EASTER EGG TRAIL



SATURDAY 30 MARCH



12 – 2pm FREE Easter Bonnet making workshop at Ignition Brewery – 44a Sydenham Road, SE26 5QX

2 – 3pm Wear your Easter Bonnet to collect mini-eggs from participating shops along Sydenham high street



Midday - 2pm: FREE Easter Bonnet making workshop at Ignition Brewery, 44a Sydenham Road SE26 5QX (downstairs at the Sydenham Centre)

2pm - 3pm: Wear your Easter Bonnet to collect mini-eggs from participating shops along Sydenham Road

Planting in Forest Hill Town Centre

Join the Forest Hill Society volunteers on **Saturday 20th April at 2:30pm** when they will be sprucing up the plating around the town centre.

We will meet in the forecourt at the front of the station. Volunteers are welcome

to join us. Equipment is provided but you may wish to bring your own gardening gloves.



Train Services to London Bridge to Improve

The Forest Hill Society has been pressing for an increase in Southern services to London Bridge since they were cut to just two per hour after Covid. Since then services on the Windrush (Overground) line have been getting very busy with commuters avoiding services from London Bridge due to half-hourly gaps in the services.

After much insistence, we discovered that the December 2024 timetable changes will bring back Southern services in the morning and evening peaks, returning us to four trains per hour between London Bridge and Norwood Junction where you can interchange for services to Surrey and Sussex.

There had been rumours that Overground might extend services to London Bridge, however, with the planned increase in South Services, it looks like Windrush trains will not be going to London Bridge regularly any time soon, BUT ...

There will be a SPECIAL, one-off Overground service between Crystal Palace and London Bridge Easter Sunday, 31st March 2024. Some members of the Forest Hill Society will be taking this unique opportunity to travel this route, and

if you do it too, please share your photos with us on twitter/X, Facebook or Instagram for the historical records.

Creative Writing Classes in Forest Hill Library

The first 7-week course by Becca Leathlean, [Approaches to Creative Writing](#), will run at Forest Hill Library on Mondays from 5pm-7pm. The course starts on 8 April 2024 and runs to 3 June, with two weeks off for the May Bank Holidays.

[Enrol here](#)

Library Volunteers Needed

The Forest Hill library is always looking for new volunteers to help staff the busiest library in Lewisham!

If you have a bit of time to give to the community, helping in the library is a great way to support children's literacy, job applicants with limited computer access, and many other activities.

You don't need to commit more time than you want but every volunteer makes a difference. Volunteers all tell us how rewarding it is to help people and meet other volunteers.

If you might be interested in volunteering please email rota@fhlibrary.co.uk to find out more.



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