

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



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>



Teatro Vivo Presents:

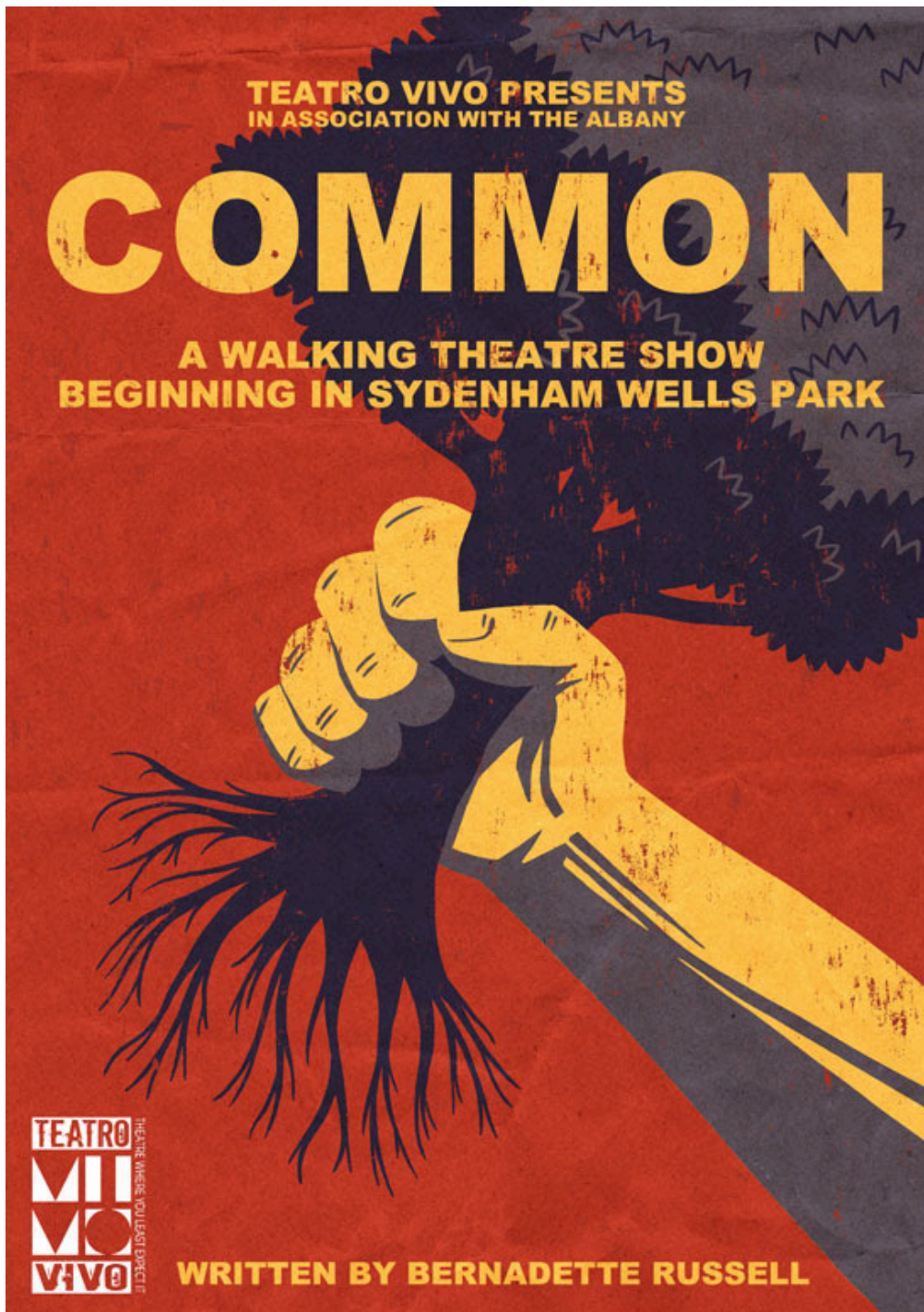
Common

A new theatre walk from Teatro Vivo

In Association with the Albany

Written by Bernadette Russell, Directed by Kas Darley and Mark Stevenson

**Sydenham and Forest Hill: 7pm, 7 to 12 May 2024
(with matinees at 13:00 on 11th and 12th)**



Ravers! Ramblers! Rebels!

For 400 years Sydenham Common has been fought over.

Meet the poets, vicars, wise-women, travellers, and farmers who struggled to keep this vast green space for the people. Join them as they celebrate with month long festivals, songs, strange drinks and poetry. See their marches, battles, sabotage and petitions. Hear what the animals of the common have to say and follow the ghost trees to join the battle for Albion. Your common needs you!

Lewisham-based site-specific theatre experts Teatro Vivo take you on a wild adventure across the Common – visiting the treasures of the local area and celebrating the protests and passion of its protectors.

Today there are green areas in Sydenham and Forest Hill that only exist because of those who battled - and continue to battle - to keep them.

This immersive show takes place outside, taking you on a gentle walk (wheelchair and buggy-friendly) of 1.2k starting at Sydenham Wells Park.

Details and ticket purchase can be found at: <https://www.teatrovivo.co.uk/Event/common>

Walking Festival and Edible Plant Giveaway

The Forest Hill Society will be organising the very first FOREST HILL WALKING FESTIVAL on **June 9th, 2024**.

The Festival will showcase a series of local walks around the local area, each with a different theme, so that you can explore places and views you may not already know about, and meet other local residents and visitors while exploring our corner of London.

On Sunday 9th of June we will have maps for **5 different walks** starting and ending at Forest Hill Station, each of which will include one walk at a specific time of the day that will be guided by a member of the Society.

There will be a range of themes, from local history, musical trivia, lots of nature and also some stunning views, and will also include some activities for children and families. The walks will be of different lengths, from 1 mile to over 5 miles, and levels of difficulty to suit a range of participants, so whether you want a challenge, or just a pleasant stroll, there will be something for everyone.

So put this date in your diary, break out the walking boots, and look out for more information coming soon on each of the walks, including themes and times for the guided tours.

Edible Plant Givaway



As the Forest Hill Society will have tables in the station car park for the Walking Festival, we will also be celebrating our popular **Edible Plant Giveaway from 12:00 noon** on 9th June.

We are once again offering a free edible “starter” plant to anyone who comes to our tables. The aim is to encourage people to grow their own edible plants, or plants with edible products. Maybe you can even pick one up after a walk!

There's no need for a garden, these plants can be grown on a window ledge or small balcony in any old container. Many of our plants are provided and grown by members of the Forest Hill Society Committee, but also by the Forest Hill Library garden team.

We recommend coming down as soon as possible after 12 o'clock as plants go quickly. We particularly welcome families to give children a chance to grow these edible plants. If you don't have children who wish to grow the plant then you are most welcome, but we want to give **priority to children for the first 30 minutes**.

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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