

LFSA



Newsletter

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Blue Sky's over Conservative England this Summer!

A surprise win for the Tories in the general election will see the start of some profound changes in social housing, we all heard their promise of 'right to buy' and those on benefits are now hearing about their new 'lessened rights to claim', it's all about change....But, before you start ringing mortgage brokers or our office to find out how much your home will cost I must point out that no-one, including the government, is clear on how this can happen. It's impossible for it to happen soon, and in my opinion not easily within the term of one parliament. Even then, as they don't own Housing Association Properties just how are they allowed to go selling them off. With great apprehension we wait to see.

Not all the UK turned blue, our 'friends in the north' were awash with yellow, although their more apt colour would be red to suit their social agendas. Perhaps as a fig leaf offering to keep the Scots happy in our Great Britain we should offer to swap flags for these coming 5 years. It would mean the Tories will have a blue flag to fly while showing the Scots respect max by flying the Saltire. If the Scots fly the red cross of St George for 5 years they may forget about independence and just be happy with invading us as they've done. Of course if we all vote to stay in Europe then there's a blue flag we can all feel happy flying, that's the blue sky summer I'm hoping for, maybe that's yet to come.. Jos Editor

Where to park your Bike..

We've recently had reports of bikes being stolen from hall ways in properties with shared access areas, which is troubling, but it also high-lights the issue of where to put a bike. It's troubling to hear that some neighbours cant trust each other, but officially a bike should not be parked in the hall way as it's a fire exit, plus not very considerate to others. The problem is where to put the bike, your bike or as quite often happens your visitors bike. It a different problem at every address, but the solution is limited to securing the bike outside or bringing it right into the home, the hall way shouldn't be an option.

Somewhere to lock up a few bikes could be a solution for those in blocks of flats or where room at the front or in the road can be found. They're called 'Secure Bike Hangers' and they are being trialled on estates across Greenwich. There is a small rent and a £20 deposit on a hanger, but that could be split between four or more owners, or even tenants with cyclist friends that want to park up when visiting. If you think this could be useful where you live contact : cycling-strategy@royal-green-wich.gov.uk request a bike hanger where you live and you should find out if it's possible. With all the information gathered you'll then need to talk it over with neighbours who hopefully will be prepared to share the cost.

Should you get that far in the process please let us know in the office, we would appreciate it for our records and we may be able to help. If you're experiencing any other issues with bikes in the way, or being stolen from the hall then contact us and we can discuss it at committee and hopefully find some solutions.

Call Barrie : 0208 690 9294

Or log on to : lfsa.org.uk

Jos - Chair



Streetlife.com

Have you seen this? It was probably one of those letters that lands on your mat, one stop before it's consigned to your recycle bin. If so, this is a second chance to find out about this fabulous new web-site that connects you with your neighbours and can create a very local, social, network of services for you. It's free and the only limit to what it can do is your own imagination. All of the usual things are there, *someone's lost a cat, a sofa needs a new home, cries for help about lap tops or where to buy your Venetian Blinds. Big Lunch, local markets, what's happening in your park and how to get involved, all questions solved.*

Are you the lovely person who lives at No.

Look out for a letter addressed just so, it's meant for you, it's on your door step or in with the junk mail piled in the hall, inside is a personal code. Log on to : streetlife.com and input your post code and then follow instructions from there. It's very easy!

LFSAs have similar services on our web-site that you should also try, but we don't all live in the same neighbourhood and streetlife is actually in your street, That's Local



FINAL WORD : KEVIN PEBERDY

Being a 'Old School Rocker' I remember the time when the drummer of the Band was 'King Pin', you formed the group around him. Ginger Baker, Keith Moon and for me Terry Stannard of Kokomo are just a few that come to mind. It therefore pleases me no end to add to that list and introduce to you our very own legend of the south, Kevin Peberdy. Kevin plays with a freedom and fluidity, precision and conviction that will trick your eyes and excite your bones. To watch him is to know you could never learn to do what he does, which is what's called awe inspiring or magic. Hello Ker..



Memorial Gig for Paco 03/15

Q 1. How long have you lived in Lewisham, is it your spiritual home?

A. I moved here in 1989, around New Cross or Honor Oak Park, but always in Lewisham.

Q 2. When did you first connect with LFSA?

A. Quite soon after getting here I met Jo & Martin who joined committee in the 1990s.

Q 3. Is Lewisham good for live music, if so where do you go?

A. They can all be good now and then, The Fox & Firkin, The Birds Nest, New Cross Inn + Peoples Day and Fordham Park NX. (Where I'm playing on Sat September 5th).

Q 4. Have you a best kept secret place in Lewisham?

A. There are some dotted about the borough, where you can feel like you're not in London!! Check out One Tree Hill, the view is worth the hike and the air's really good.

Q 5. What's the best gig you've ever played, who with?

A. 'Hard one this', too many gigs, too many bands and all the festivals and venues, plus it's still going on. I can only say it's getting better every time, can't put a best to any of them.

Q 6. What are you doing now, who with, where and when?

A. I'm playing with a band called 'ASO3' and we're very busy this year with festivals, both aboard and here. To many gigs to list, check us out on Face Book : ASO3

(If you would like to nominate someone for the 'Final Word' contact our office?)

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