

# TELEGRAPH HILL FESTIVAL

**18 March to 2 April 2023**

**Programme of Events**



*Book via the website,  
tickets on the door if available*

[www.telegraphhillfestival.org.uk](http://www.telegraphhillfestival.org.uk)

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**Get warmed up for the Festival!**

**Cheese & Beer Tasting** *The Hill Station Wednesday 8 March* The Cheese Collective and Brockley Brewery team up for you to experience award-winning cheese and local artisan beers. £30 – booking on the Hill Station website.

**Boom Bubble Earth: A Colourful 'Stop Climate Change' Exhibition!**

Inspired by artist Hew Locke's *The Procession* at Tate Britain, Year 3 artists at Haberdashers' Hatcham Free School have created a colourful climate change exhibition with a message of hope for the future which is to be seen in the Foyer of the Telegraph Hill Centre throughout the Festival.

**Saturday 18 March**

**Bark in the Park**

11.30am to 1.30pm Telegraph Hill Upper Park

£5.00 per participant for the agility and puppy training. £3.00 per category in the dog show.

Bark in the Park: an opportunity to take an agility taster session for your dog, experience puppy training or simply enter the dog show (7 categories).

Dogs (and humans) welcome to drop by any time.

**Regular event - The Field Youth Club Open Day**

12noon to 6pm

The Field Social Centre, 385 Queen's Road, SE14 5HD

Free for young people – parents/carers can offer a donation

Drop in to the Field Youth Club for a fun afternoon of socialising, making art, sharing food and radical community building!

For secondary school/college-aged young people.

**Guest event - Create a Gorgeous Hanging Basket**

12.30pm to 4pm

Besson Street Community Garden,

Besson Street, SE14 5AS £5

All materials provided. Creative and gardening advice are part of this workshop, along with tea and cake in a beautiful garden setting. Join us!

Search "New Cross Gate Trust" and "eventbrite" to find the booking link.

**Guest event - Songs for the Battle of Lewisham**

4pm to 5pm

St John's Church, Lewisham Way, SE8 4EA (opposite Brockley Market) Free

A short concert, suitable for all, to commemorate the events of August 1977. The varied programme of performances from local choirs and instrumentalists will feature the premiere of a composition specially commissioned for the occasion.

Most Festival events take place in either the **Telegraph Hill Centre** SE14 5TY (main entrance from Pepys Road) or the **Hill Station Bar and Café** SE14 5TW (on Kitto Road next to the church and Centre between the Upper and Lower Parks). Details of other venues are in each event listing. **The Festival could not happen without support from all these organisations making space available. Thank you!**

**Ferdinand**

4.30pm (doors open 4pm) to 5.30pm

St Catherine's Church £9 (£4)

Using a well-known 1930s children's book banned by the Nazis for the powerful anti-fascist message which ran beneath the surface of its simple tale, the Telegraph Hill Community Show Company have devised an original piece of musical theatre.

**Guest event - Pit of the Water's Tongue**

6pm to 9pm

hARTslane Gallery, 17 Harts Lane, SE14 5UP (next to Sainsbury's) £4

An evening of performance showcasing the diversity of live art: sound art, spoken word, improvisation, drawing and more. A hybrid between an open mic and a curated live show. Check website to book.

**Ferdinand**

6.30pm (doors open 6pm) to 7.30pm

St Catherine's Church £9 (£4)

See above.

**Free Music Night - Joli Blon Cajan**

7pm to 10pm

The Hill Station Free drop in

Get your dancing shoes on for some toe-tapping Louisiana dance music brought to you by a trio of women on accordion, fiddle and guitar.

**We are using the Festival fortnight and this programme to draw to your attention various "Regular" events that happen weekly or monthly throughout the year. We also welcome "Guest" events from outside the usual remit and structure of the Festival and there are the "THC Taster" events listed which is where you are invited to try out for free a course or activity that happens weekly in the Telegraph Hill Centre.**

## Sunday 19 March

### Regular event - Magic of Mahjong

10am to 1pm

The Hill Station

Join a friendly group to indulge in this addictive pastime. An essentially simple game that can be learned in a single sitting and stays with you forever.

### Mothering Sunday

10am to 11am

St Catherine's Church

Come and celebrate mothers and all who care for us. Includes activities for children, flowers for all the women in the house.

Service followed by tea and cake. All welcome.

### Guest event - A People's History of New Cross

10.15am to 12.15pm

Goldsmiths, University of London, SE14 6NW

Free (or a donation requested) but booking essential. Join Goldsmiths historian, Dr John Price, for a walking tour exploring a People's History of New Cross, featuring impressive buildings, captivating stories, and the history of everyday life from the 1870s to the 1980s. Book through calendar on [gold.ac.uk/events](http://gold.ac.uk/events).

### Chance to Dance

10.30am to 11.30am

Telegraph Hill Centre - Garden Room Free

Free creative and fun workshop for adults. Come along, create and enjoy moving.

### Franklin Method Taster Workshop

12noon to 1pm

Telegraph Hill Centre - Studio 2 Free

Discover a new way to train your body - using your mind. Learn how to move better, think better, and feel better, with the Franklin Method.

### Guest event - Walking with Booth: Deptford 1899

1.30pm to 3.30pm

Goldsmiths, University of London, SE14 6NW

Free (or a donation requested) but booking essential. Goldsmiths historian, Dr John Price, invites you on a walking tour exploring Victorian Deptford through the eyes of Charles Booth.

Book through calendar on [gold.ac.uk/events](http://gold.ac.uk/events).

### Rock the Day Away

2pm to 10pm

The Amersham Arms, 388 New Cross Road, SE14 6TY (near New Cross Station) £10 (£5)

A full day of music of many styles - including off the wall weird!

Drop in and out and back again through the whole afternoon/evening. One ticket to enjoy as many or as few as suits you of 15 great bands.

Full programme details on the Festival website.

### Workshop: Introduction to Flamenco

2pm to 3pm

Telegraph Hill Centre - Studio 2 Free

Take part in this dance workshop. An introduction to the rich cultural history and art of flamenco through rhythm and movement

### Mental Health and The Happiness Game

3pm (doors open 2.45pm) to 5pm

Hatcham Oak Children's Centre, 29 Wallbuton Road, SE4 2NX £3 (£1)

Make time for fun while learning about Mental Health and Wellbeing - two enjoyable hours which will leave you with a deeper understanding of what makes people happy.

Stay on afterwards for a chat, tea and biscuits - or even a glass of Prosecco!

### Ferdinand

4.30pm (doors open 4pm) to 5.30pm

St Catherine's Church £9 (£4)

See Saturday 18 March at 4.30pm.

### Regular event - Folk Sessions on the Hill

6pm to 9pm

The Hill Station £3

Come along to the Hill Station's monthly Folk Session where their house band performs an intimate gig, then we welcome any musicians to join us after on the stage. Come as a musician or a listener! Everyone is welcome.

### Ferdinand

6.30pm (doors open 6pm) to 7.30pm

St Catherine's Church £9 (£4)

See Saturday 18 March at 4.30pm.

**N.B. The Telegraph Hill Festival simply provides an umbrella for event organisers. Responsibility for the event content, promotion and emphasis remains with individual organisers. The programme is prepared in good faith by the Festival Group and this version is correct at the time of uploading.**

*All events may be subject to change or cancellation. Check the website, Facebook page, Twitter and Instagram for current information.*

## The Quietly Cerebral Quiz

8.30pm (doors open at 8pm) to 10pm

Hatcham Oak Children's Centre,  
29 Wallbuton Road, SE4 2NX £3 (£1)

Malcolm asks some simple questions, some maybe harder. Lots to learn along the way, with a bit of jeopardy thrown in. May include a round on London, but nothing on celebrities!

## Monday 20 March

### Regular event -Telegraph Hill Table Tennis Club

11.30am to 1pm

Telegraph Hill Centre - Narthex

Free to drop in any time

Come play with us! We have bats and tables, but if you have your own bat bring it along.

Beginners and experienced players are welcome.

### THC Taster - Strength Cardio with Light Pair of Dumbbells

6.30pm to 7.30pm

Telegraph Hill Centre - Studio 2

Fun filled "Strength Cardio Session" using light pair of dumbbells along with an "Ab Workout Session".

All levels.

### THC Taster - HulaFit with Ro

7.30pm to 8.30pm

Telegraph Hill Centre - Garden Room

Bring your core to the floor for some seriously fun hula hooping fitness! You'll be jumping, squatting and spinning like a pro in no time!

### Comedy Night

8pm to 10pm

Telegraph Hill Centre – Narthex £12 (£7)

Good Humour Comedy Club comes to the Telegraph Hill festival for the second year running, with host Joe Bates and the best acts on the circuit.

## Tuesday 21 March

### THC Taster - Boppin' Bunnies Music Classes for under 5s

9.45am to 12noon

Telegraph Hill Centre - Narthex

Award winning Boppin' Bunnies is an interactive Music Class for 0 - 5 yrs led by our brilliant musician who performs live on their instrument for the children in each session! Please pre-book as places are limited.

Email: [info@boppinbunnies.co.uk](mailto:info@boppinbunnies.co.uk)

Timings: 9.45 Mixed Ages; 10.15 18 months - 4 years; 11am 0-2 years

## Towards a Dementia Friendly Community

2pm to 3pm

Telegraph Hill Centre - Garden Room Free

Dementia Friends is an opportunity to learn more about dementia and the ways we can support people living with dementia in a dementia friendly community.

## Ukulele Taster Workshop for Adults

7pm to 8pm

Telegraph Hill Centre - Craft Room (entrance from St Catherine's Drive) Free

In this group workshop you will learn how to tune, hold and play simple songs on your ukulele.

Aimed at adult complete beginners and some ukuleles available to borrow, but bring your own if you can.

## THC Taster - Feldenkrais® Awareness Through Movement

7.30pm to 8.30pm

Telegraph Hill Centre - Studio 2

Full-Strength Feldenkrais – exploring complex movement sequences and refining our sensory-motor awareness throughout every part of our physical and mental self. Drop-in. Details [MaggyBurrowes.com](http://MaggyBurrowes.com)

## A Beginner's Guide to Murder: Meet the Author

8pm (doors open 7.30pm) to 9.30pm

Hatcham House, 367 Queen's Road, SE14 5HD

Free

When murder is the only answer, how do you start? Local author Rosalind Stopps discusses her Brockley-based novel, *A Beginner's Guide to Murder*.

## Double Header Choir Show!

8pm (doors open 7.30pm) to 10pm

St Catherine's Church £5

Two choirs in one night! Nunhead Community Choir and the London Music Hall Choir - a mix of pop, rock and disco, folk and Victorian music hall!

## Play 'Swing 42', Jazz Style on Ukulele

8.15pm to 9.15pm

Telegraph Hill Centre - Craft Room (entrance from St Catherine's Drive) Free

Learn how to play chords-melody style on this Django Reinhardt tune. We will be using ukulele tab score. For intermediate level players.

## The New Southpaw Soviet Live

8.30pm (doors open 7pm) to 10pm

The Hill Station Free

"A sublime burst of melodic pop... Sounds a little like Franz Ferdinand roughing up Martha Reeves and the Vandellas, egged on by The Smiths." – Laura Barton, *Guardian*

## Wednesday 22 March

### Beginners Iyengar Yoga Class

10am to 11am

Telegraph Hill Centre - Garden Room Free

Want to try a free adult yoga class for beginners? Come along to this 1 hour Iyengar yoga class and maybe discover what yoga can do for you.

### THC Taster - Light and Easy Feldenkrais®

4pm to 5.15pm

Telegraph Hill Centre - Studio 2

Exploring gentle movement sequences and refining our sensory-motor awareness throughout every part of our physical and mental self. *Drop-in.*

*Details MaggyBurrowes.com*

### Kiosks on the Hill - the Legacy of Sir Giles Gilbert Scott

6.15pm (doors open 6pm) to 7pm

The Hill Station Free

Find out about those iconic red kiosks on Jerningham Road, and the plans afoot for their future now that they're in the hands of the community. *Scan the code to join the kiosks Whatsapp group.*



### Poetry Evening: Roads and Silence

8pm (doors open 7.30pm) to 9.30pm

Hatcham Oak Children's Centre,

29 Wallbuton Road, SE4 2NX

£3 (£1)

"Poetry Please" with a bar! Come along for readings on the themes of "Roads" and "Silence" and get in touch beforehand with any requests.

### Commander Si and Jasper Nautical

8pm to 10pm

The Hill Station

Free

Songs of the sea, shanties, jigs and reels and a few bits and bobs from Commander Si on guitar and Jasper Nautical on accordion.

### THC Taster - Iyengar Yoga for Adults

8pm to 10pm

Telegraph Hill Centre - Studio 2

Advanced class suitable for those practising for at least one year. *If you would like to attend please email maryphilomenamac@googlemail.com.*

**The Festival – as always – is very grateful to the Telegraph Hill Centre and its regular users for their collaboration in making space available and acceptance of the disruption caused.**

**Note and support the Centre's own events and its users' free "Taster" sessions, distinguished by blue type.**

## Thursday 23 March

### Regular event - Branching Out: Art Class

10am to 12.15pm

Telegraph Hill Centre - Narthex

*Free - drop in any time through the session*

Branching Out activities for people over 55. Weekly art class for people curious to give painting a try. Just come along and our local artists will support the start of your artistic journey. *This taster for our weekly session is free and all materials provided, or simply come by and have a look.*

### Regular event - Branching Out: Tai Chi

12.45pm to 1.45pm

Telegraph Hill Centre - Narthex

*Free*

Join in as experienced teacher Kevin introduces you to the art of Tai Chi. Gentle exercise tailored to individual needs. *Beginners wanting to try out this weekly class more than welcome.*

### Lighthouse School of Speech, Drama and Communication Show Back - Show 1

5pm (doors open 4.45pm) to 6.30pm

Hatcham House, 367 Queen's Road, SE14 5HD

£2 (plus voluntary donation)

Returning due to popular demand! A wonderful mix of monologues, improvised scenes and more, performed by students from Lighthouse, to enthrall and delight everyone.

### THC Taster - Yoga for Every Body

7.30pm to 8.30pm

Telegraph Hill Centre - Garden Room

Friendly slow flow yoga class with Szandi, where you can comfortably be you. All abilities, shapes and sizes welcome. LGBTQIA+ inclusive space.

*Please bring your own mat.*

### Lighthouse School of Speech, Drama and Communication Show Back - Show 2

7pm (doors open 6.45pm) to 8.30pm

Hatcham House, 367 Queen's Road, SE14 5HD

£2 (plus voluntary donation)

See above at 5pm - your second instalment of wonderful performance.

### Guest event - The Joneses - Smiths Tribute Band

7.30pm to 10.30pm

The Hill Station

£5 / £7 OTD

The Joneses are a Smiths tribute band who play two traditional sets of The Smiths covers and Morrissey hits. They are playing an extra set of covers such as Joy Division, Talking Heads and The Cure.

*Pay on the door or book through the events page on the Hill Station's website.*

**THC Taster - Song Medicine**

7.30pm to 9.30pm

Telegraph Hill Centre - Studio 2

Inclusive and playful group singing for adults, designed for nourishment and relaxation.

All levels of singing experience and confidence welcome!

Register to attend:

<https://buytickets.at/heartsongcollective/740541> and select free trial ticket.

**The Grand Festival Quizzy Quiz Night**

8pm (doors open 7.30pm) to 10.30pm

Telegraph Hill Centre – Narthex £7 (£4)

Questions (complete with answers) plus competitive chocolates are on offer – come along, stretch out those quizzzy muscles and enjoy a deep brain massage.

**Friday 24 March**

**THC Taster - Intermediate Pilates**

10am to 11am

Telegraph Hill Centre - Studio 2

Come try Pilates with Tali! Strengthen your core, mobilise joints, improve your posture and relieve back pain.

**Deptford Pop-Up Cinema: Afternoon Show - Amélie**

2pm (doors open 1.30pm) to 4pm

Telegraph Hill Centre - Narthex

£5 (£3) or pay what you can on the door

Amélie is an innocent abroad in Paris with her own sense of justice. She decides to help those around her and, by chance, discovers love. A Deptford Cinema Presentation. Contact [office@thcentre.com](mailto:office@thcentre.com) or 020 7639 0214 to book your place.

**Guest event - Jazz Series at The Old Library**

5pm to 11pm

Music Room London, The Old Library Bar, 116-118 New Cross Road, SE14 5BA Free

An evening of jazz curated by Telegraph Hill local, Taran Singh, bringing together an eclectic group of jazz players for a night of improvisational music.

**Big thanks to St Catherine's Church, Jake and the PCC, for their unstinting support of the Festival.** There's the obvious hosting of so many events but also all the *Ferdinand* rehearsals and practical stuff like storing craft fair tables.

**Deptford Pop-Up Cinema: Evening Screening –**

**The Banshees of Inisherin**

8pm (doors open 7.30pm) to 10pm

Telegraph Hill Centre - Narthex

£7 (£4) or pay what you can on the door

Shot on a remote Irish island off the west coast, multiple award winning *The Banshees of Inisherin* is a film about the perils of friendship.

A Deptford Cinema Presentation.

**Guest event - Ruta di Jazz**

8pm to 11pm

The Hill Station

£8 / £10 OTD

London based singer and guitarist Ruta Di returns to play at the Hill Station Cafe. Her performance is a blend of neo-soul, jazz, classical and Brazilian music with heartfelt lyrics, creating a very special sound that touches and moves.

Pay on the door or book through the events page on the Hill Station's website.

**Saturday 25 March**

**The Bike Project – We get refugees cycling**

Bike tune up and maintenance demo cancelled for logistical reasons – but do still get in touch to donate your unwanted bike to be checked over and handed on to a refugee or asylum seeker!

<https://thebikeproject.co.uk/donate-bike>

**Free Folk Festival in the Churchyard**

12noon to 5pm

St Catherine's Churchyard

Free

The Free Folk Festival is back for its 5th year, in its new home in the churchyard. Come along any time and check out amazing local bands, including a mix of new performers and old favourites.

**Regular event - The Field Youth Club Open Day**

12noon to 6pm

The Field Social Centre, 385 Queen's Road, SE14 5HD

Free for young people - parents/carers can offer a donation See Saturday 18 March at 12noon.

**Festival Craft Fair**

1pm to 5pm

St Catherine's Church and the Telegraph Hill Centre Narthex

Free entry

An unmissable opportunity to meet local makers, browse a wide variety of stalls and purchase hand-crafted products.

**Open Studios**

1pm to 6pm

Free

A great opportunity to view and buy original artwork made by the community, as local, talented artists open their homes and studios to show you their work.

**Guest event - Tim Richards Trio at the Old Library Bar**

5pm to 11pm

Music Room London, The Old Library Bar,  
116-118 New Cross Road, SE14 5BA Free

Join us today for FREE Jazz in the bar, with the  
Tim Richards Trio!

**Otto & the Mutapa Calling**

6pm to 7.30pm

Golden Anchor Pub, 16 Evelina Rd, SE15 2DX  
(near the Gellatly Road shop) Free

Otto & the Mutapa Calling is a colourful London based  
marimba band playing energetic, joyful music from  
Zimbabwe, South Africa and Botswana.

**Guest event - Acoustic Anarchy - Telegraph Hill  
Special**

7pm to 10pm

waterintobeer 209-211 Mantle Road, SE4 2EW  
Suggested £5 donation for artists

Acoustic Anarchy special featuring performers from  
the popular but sadly now defunct open mic night  
which was held at The Telegraph pub.

**Ceilidh**

7.30pm (doors open 7pm) to 10pm

St Catherine's Church £8 (£6)

The Festival Ceilidh is back! Come and enjoy an  
evening of heart-pounding exercise with our band of  
local musicians under the guidance of an experienced  
dance caller. *Beginners welcome!*

**Citizen Penge**

8pm to 10pm

Golden Anchor Pub, 16 Evelina Rd, SE15 2DX  
(near the Gellatly Road shop) Free

Citizen Penge are a local four-piece band that perform  
their own original songs as well as iconic floor-filling  
covers from the 60s-00s.

**Sunday 26 March**

**Regular event - Magic of Mahjong**

10am to 1pm

The Hill Station

See Sunday 19 March at 10am.

**Festival Sunday**

10am to 11am

St Catherine's Church

Join us for a special Sunday Service, with a focus on  
community and celebration. Interactive, family-  
friendly service. Absolutely everyone welcome!  
*Service followed by tea and cake.*

**Guest event - Walking with Booth: Hatcham  
Park 1899**

10.15am to 12.15pm

Leaving from Sainsbury's, 263d New Cross Road,  
SE14 5UQ

Free (or a donation requested) but booking essential  
Goldsmiths historian, Dr John Price, invites you on a  
walking tour exploring Victorian Hatcham Park  
through the eyes of Charles Booth.

Book through calendar on [gold.ac.uk/events](http://gold.ac.uk/events).

**Open Studios**

11am to 4pm

Free

Continue your tour of spaces and studios around the  
Hill. Map available at venues and on the website.

**Menopause Workshop**

12noon to 2pm

Telegraph Hill Centre - Studio 2 Free

Alongside sculpture, soundscape and multi-media  
work, visual artist Abigail Hammond engages with  
audiences in public spaces to promote conversations  
about the menopause.

**Guest event - A People's History of New Cross:  
History Walk**

1.30pm to 3.30pm

Goldsmiths, University of London, SE14 6NW

Free (or a donation requested) but booking essential  
See Sunday 19 March at 10.15am.

**Menopause Cafe**

2pm to 4pm

Telegraph Hill Centre - Studio 2 Free

A simple yet powerful concept enabling people to  
learn about the menopause over a cup of tea.  
Participants are empowered to learn from each other,  
sharing questions, stories and tips.

**Just a Headache? Migraine's so much more...**

4.30pm to 5.30pm

Telegraph Hill Centre - Studio 2 £2

Dr Katy Munro, bestselling author and National  
Migraine Centre specialist, will give us the facts and  
open a discussion on this common but difficult  
condition.

**Guest event - The Limerence Live at Music Room  
London**

5pm to 11pm

Music Room London, The Old Library Bar,  
116-118 New Cross Road, SE14 5BA £5

Impassioned pop songs with soul and rock elements, a  
blend of astute covers and fine originals.

### Hill Top Trout House Concert

6pm to 7.30pm

Details of venue will be sent to ticket holders.

£15 (£10)

Come and listen to five fabulous local classical musicians perform Schubert's effervescent Trout Quintet. A performance in an informal and intimate house concert setting with wine and nibbles.

### Big Band Night

7.30pm (doors open 7pm) to 10.30pm

St Catherine's Church

£7

An evening of upbeat big band classics and modern bangers with the London Hornstars.

## Monday 27 March

### Boom Bubble Earth: A Colourful 'Stop Climate Change' Procession!

10.30am to 11.15am

St Catherine's Churchyard

Free

Watch Year 3 artists from Haberdashers' Hatcham Free School as they parade their colourful climate change sculptures through the Park. The school's Samba Band will help to create that 'carnival' atmosphere!

### Regular event - Telegraph Hill Table Tennis Club

11.30am to 1pm

Telegraph Hill Centre - Narthex

Free to drop in any time

See Monday 20 March at 11.30am.

### Classics on the Hill

7.30 pm (doors open 6.45pm) to 9.30pm

St Catherine's Church

£10 (£5)

A Festival favourite. International classical musicians living locally get together to play a wide variety of music for you.

Snack supper available in the Narthex.

### The Future - and what to do about it

8pm (doors open 7.30pm) to 10pm

Hatcham House, 367 Queen's Road, SE14 5HD

£4

World renowned "reluctant futurist", award-winning author and advisor to governments, pop stars, NGOs and investors, Mark Stevenson looks squarely at our future and how we might fix it.

## Tuesday 28 March

### THC Taster - Iyengar Yoga Morning Class Taster

10.30am to 12noon

Telegraph Hill Centre - Garden Room

Iyengar Yoga Morning Class with Steph.

More information available on the "Telegraph Hill Yoga" Facebook page. Pre book only.

Please contact 07727 083 817 to confirm space.

### Mastering Basic Strumming on Ukulele

7pm to 8pm

Telegraph Hill Centre - Craft Room (entrance from St Catherine's Drive)

Free

Learn the secret of strumming patterns, and how to choose what pattern to use where.

For those who can play ukulele a bit.

### The Peckham Experiment

7pm to 9pm

The Hill Station

£5 (deductible from cost of buying book at event)

Novelist Guy Ware and Daniel Liston of the Pioneer Health Foundation discuss the history and legacy of the innovative Peckham Experiment, which provided the inspiration for Guy's latest book.

### Monologue

8pm to 8.40pm

Telegraph Hill Centre - Narthex

£5 (£3)

A compelling one-woman show about the trials of living with chronic pain - a journey of tears, laughter and acceptance through comedy, spoken word and movement.

### Learn to Play Caribbean Melodies on the Ukulele

8.15pm to 9.15pm

Telegraph Hill Centre - Craft Room (entrance from St Catherine's Drive)

Free

Expand your technique by learning how to play melodies. We will be using ukulele tab score.

For those who can play ukulele a bit.

**Many events are free to just drop in and even if pre-bookable and the event appears sold out on the website there are often still tickets or returns on the door.**

*It is always worth turning up to check.*



## Wednesday 29 March

### Madame Chandelier's Opera House Party

6pm to 7pm

The Hill Station

£5 (£3)

Join Madam Chandelier and all her favourite opera characters for jokes, party games, and lots of dramatic death scenes. ★ ★ ★ ★ *Guardian*

### Get Ur Freak On: Book Launch and Clothes Swap

7pm to 9pm

£2 (free for concessions)

The New Cross House, 316 New Cross Road, SE14 6AF (on the corner of Laurie Grove opposite the Word bookshop)

Celebrate the release of *Fashion: a Manifesto* by writer and psychoanalyst, Anouchka Grose, with comedian Rosie Wilby and local style legend Gerald Francis.

### Telegraph Hill Society: Green Lewisham, a talk, preceded by the Society's AGM

7.30pm (doors open 7pm) or come for the talk only at 8pm to 9.30pm

Free

Children's Centre, 29 Wallbuton Road, SE4 2NX

Candy Blackham, author of *Green Lewisham: Our Treasured Open Spaces* will give a talk on the green spaces in our borough hidden around almost every corner.

Preceded at 7:30pm by the AGM of the Telegraph Hill Society. If you would like to volunteer for the Society's committee, please go to our website at [www.telegraphhillsociety.co.uk](http://www.telegraphhillsociety.co.uk)

### FLOGAN

8pm (doors open at 7.30pm) to 11pm

The Hill Station

Free

Kick-ass harmony duo featuring Louisiana scrub-board.

## Thursday 30 March

### Regular event - Branching Out Art Class session

10am to 12.15pm

Telegraph Hill Centre - Narthex

See 23 March.

### Regular event - Branching Out TAI CHI taster

12.45pm to 1.45pm

Telegraph Hill Centre - Narthex

See 23 March.

### Guest Event - Seedling Swap

3.30pm to 5pm

Outside the Hill Station

Free

Start sowing and growing now to bring along spare seedlings (egg cartons make great pots for them) to swap and share with others.

### Telegraph Hill Community Choir

8pm to 10pm

Golden Anchor Pub, 16 Evelina Rd, SE15 2DX

(near the Gellatly Road shop)

Free

Fun. Frolics. Laughs. Music. Songs. Harmonies. Local famous mixed choir, of 11 years. Sing for your delectation - shanties, folk, pop, world songs... some solos too.

### John Stainer Orchestra and Choir

7pm (doors open 6.30pm) to 8.15pm

St Catherine's Church

£5 (£3)

Come and see the amazing orchestra, choir and soloists of John Stainer Primary School at our annual appearance in the Telegraph Hill Festival! We'll be performing a mix of pop and classical pieces for your entertainment and delight.

### Guest event - D4100 Quiz Night

7pm to 10pm

The Hill Station

Free, but booking a table recommended through the events page on the Hill Station's website.

Come along for a night of fun as we test your knowledge with our amazing Quiz Master!

Grab a pizza and drink to make a night of it.

Hosted by the team from *Dinner for One Hundred*.

### Fake News Fight Back with Peter York

7.30pm (doors open 7pm) to 9pm

£7 (£5)

Hatcham House, 367 Queen's Road, SE14 5HD

Journalist and author Peter York returns to Telegraph Hill after last year's sell-out talk. He will talk about fake news. It's made America ungovernable. We mustn't let it happen here!

### Live Karaoke Singalong by Campfire!

8.30pm (doors open 8pm) to 11pm

Telegraph Hill Centre - Narthex

£5

Is it a Gig? Is it a Karaoke? Is it a Singalong around the Campfire? It's all of these - without the fire!

## Friday 31 March

### Guest event - How to Make a Meadow with the London School of Horticulture

11am to 2pm £30 (booking link through the Festival website where you can pick up a discount code)

Telegraph Hill Centre - Garden Room

Learn the where and how of making a colourful annual meadow in a container or in the garden.

All materials provided. Bring outdoor clothes in case.

### Westdal & Hayward Worked Up

7.30pm (doors open 7pm) to 8.45pm

Telegraph Hill Centre - Narthex

£10 (£6)

Two women, one piano and a world of barely contained exasperation.

## Live Balkan Music - Salamander Brandy

8pm to 10.30pm

The Hill Station

Free

Live music from the Telegraph Hill's very own Balkan collective, Salamander Brandy, who return to the Festival after a hugely successful debut in 2022.

## Saturday 1 April

### Permission to Play

10am to 12pm

Telegraph Hill Playclub, Lower Park Free

This messy play session is packed with various sensory activities for all ages. After the messy play, join us for a calming session of mindful massage.

### Regular event - The Field Youth Club Open Day

12noon to 6pm

Free

The Field Social Centre, 385 Queen's Road, SE14 5HD

Join us to celebrate The Field Youth Club's one year anniversary with an afternoon party of art activities, wood-fired pizza and more.

### On the Mend: a Celebration of Repair

2.30pm to 4.30pm

Telegraph Hill Centre - Craft Room (entrance from St Catherine's Drive)

Free

Drop in with any items that need repair to "Mend it with Mo" and take part in creative activities about our neighbourhood.

### Imperial Male Voice Choir with soprano

#### Leilani Barratt

7pm (doors open 6.30pm) to 9pm

St Catherine's Church

£12 (£8)

Imperial Male Voice Choir offers you a rare opportunity to experience an award-winning men's vocal ensemble joined by exciting young soprano Leilani Barratt.

### Guest event - Junior Piano on the Hill

7pm to 10pm

The Hill Station

£6 /£8 OTD

We are excited to host our second 'Piano on the Hill', this time with a Festival feel where the piano takes centre stage, brought to life by talented young pianists, each with their own unique style, and all local. Profits to Clod Ensemble's Performing Medicine Charity. Pay on the door or book through the events page on the Hill Station's website.

### Punk Rock Karaoke

8pm (doors open 7.30pm) to half past midnight

AMP Studios, 897a Old Kent Road, SE15 1NL

£8

No boundaries, no limits and no discernible talent needed. Exactly what it says on the tin. A night of

classic Punk Rock, your three minutes of fame awaits, backed by the incomparable My Midlife Crisis.

## Sunday 2 April

### Twitter, Live!

6.30am to 8am

Meet in St Catherine's Churchyard Free

Listen to spring birdsong and identify birds along the way. Hopefully we'll also see a fair few on this morning neighbourhood walk and maybe time for a quick biscuit and coffee in the Centre.

### Regular event - Magic of Mahjong

10am to 1pm

The Hill Station See Sunday 19 March at 10am.

### Guest event - Palm Sunday

10am to 11am

St Catherine's Church

Join us for our Palm Sunday procession through the Park, with live music and a dramatic reading of the Passion Gospel - following Jesus' last few days before his crucifixion.

Service followed by tea and cake. All welcome.

### A Walking History of Telegraph Hill

11am to 1pm

Meet in St Catherine's Churchyard Free

A stroll around the core of Telegraph Hill, looking at our architecture and galloping through some of the history with Malcolm Bacchus of the Telegraph Hill Society.

### You are Amazing! Love your Identity!

12.30pm (doors open 12.15pm) to 1.15pm

Telegraph Hill Centre - Studio 2 Free

We are Amazing! Come and celebrate what makes us special in this fun and interactive session for children!

Followed by refreshments.

### Storytelling

1.30pm (doors open 1.15pm) to 2pm

Telegraph Hill Centre - Studio 2 Free

A reading from *The Magician's Nephew* by C.S.Lewis. All welcome. Preceded by refreshments.

### Going Further Afield

2pm to 4pm

Meet outside the Haberdashers' Hatcham College, Jerningham Road site Free

On this walk, Malcolm will be venturing further afield into New Cross Gate and New Cross and exploring the history of its residents and buildings. Scheduled for two hours - but feel free to leave at any point!

## Watercolour Workshop

2pm to 4.30pm

Telegraph Hill Centre - Craft Room (entrance from St Catherine's Drive) £6

Learn how to enjoy painting with watercolours.

Materials provided or bring your own.

## The Miracle Pill: What Science says about our Health and Modern Lifestyles

4.30pm to 5.30pm

£2

Telegraph Hill Centre - Studio 2

It's not a pill, but it is hard science. Everyday physical exertion is literally a life and health saver. *Guardian* journalist Peter Walker discusses how we can change.

## Regular event - Jazz Jam on the Hill

6pm to 8pm

The Hill Station

Free

Join our house jazz band RCDC Jazz Quartet on the first Sunday of each month for a friendly and mutually supportive jam session.

## An Orisun Scratch

6.30pm (doors open 6pm) to 8.30pm

Corner Cafe, 117 New Cross Rd, SE14 5DJ £5

A night of new writing from Lewisham-based emerging talent from the global majority. Open to writers/performers aged 18 to 25 who are from any underrepresented group.

## Festival Jazz Night

8pm (doors open 7.30pm) to 11pm

St Catherine's Church

£8 (£6)

An evening of classic jazz from seasoned performers and guests. Everything from old favourites to original compositions. *After last year's success, food will again be available at the back of the Church.*

### **We hope you found something to enjoy!**

*If you are inspired to contribute an event in 2024 please get in touch to be put on our mailing list.*

*The Festival simply could not happen without volunteer event organisers bringing in their ideas.*

## Upcoming events – look out for publicity on other great stuff happening in our community

### Big Charity Book Sale

*This is happening again in the Telegraph Hill Centre on the weekend after Easter, 15 and 16 April.*

Centre open for donations to be brought in any time onwards from 10am on Easter Monday. Then come back and buy! New stock brought out on the Sunday. so worth a second visit. *In aid of Feed the Hill.*

### Mike King's Open Mic Night

*The Hill Station Sunday 16 April from 6pm*

Open mic showcasing up-and-coming artists and providing a supportive platform for singers to develop regardless of experience.

### The Hill Station Monthly Games Night

*Thursday 20 April from 6pm onwards*

An informal fun night to spend with friends.

### Beatrix Kiddo Band + Strawgirl Support Band

*The Hill Station Friday 21 April at 8pm*

Two unmissable bands bring a night of creativity and inspiration.

### The Hill Station Monthly Folk Session

*Sunday 23 April – 6pm start*

Performance by their Folk House Band and then you are welcome to join them on stage.

### D4100 Monthly Quiz Night in the Hill Station

*Thursday 27 April at 7pm*

Come along for a night of fun testing your knowledge with their amazing Quiz Master!

### Jazz Jam on the Hill – monthly in the Hill Station

*Sunday 7 May at 6pm*

A friendly session welcoming musicians of all abilities. Come as a musician or a listener! All welcome.

### Plant Fairs Roadshow

*Telegraph Hill Centre Saturday 13 May*

A wide range of quality plants from specialist growers.

### Nunhead Cemetery Open Day

*Saturday 20 May 11am to 5pm*

Guided tours, craft and information stalls, children's bug hunt, music in the chapel and homemade cakes and refreshments. A great day out!

### Open Gardens Weekend

*Saturday 20 and Sunday 21 May*

Local gardeners share their varied gardens on a trail around the Hill.

*To open your garden on either day contact Louiseshepherd@btopenworld.com by 31 March.*

### Brockley Max

*Friday 2 to Saturday 10 June*

Nine days of fun in Hilly Fields and venues all around Brockley.

### The Second Brockley Literary Festival

*Saturday 3 June in St John's Church, Lewisham Vale*

**and plans are being made for a Telegraph Hill Festival Day in the Park in early September....**



Email: [thfestival@gmail.com](mailto:thfestival@gmail.com)

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The Telegraph Hill Festival started about thirty years ago and has grown slowly ever since, holding fast to the principle that it is by locals and for locals and entirely volunteer-based. Nobody is paid for their time. Get in touch (details above) to find out more about helping this year (we are still needing volunteer assistance — stewards, bar and box office) or putting on an event of your own in 2024.

In the meantime, we are grateful to all the local venues that make the Festival happen by providing space for our events. *Details of all this year's venues on the Festival website.*



**"A Hub in our Community"** A social enterprise café located on Kitto Road between the parks in the heart of Telegraph Hill, with pop up events, live entertainment and a local makers shop. **Dinner for One Hundred Pizza**—an enterprise that started during lock-down—is now in permanent residency from Thursday to Sunday and the **Hill Trader Shop** supports over 40 designers and makers in the local area.

Phone **020 7635 2955** or email [events@hillstationcafe.co.uk](mailto:events@hillstationcafe.co.uk)



## Oak Hill

Community Nursery

This year we are again using space at Hatcham Oak Children's Centre, 29 Wallbuton Road and are most grateful to Paula and her team at Oak Hill Community Nursery for making this possible.

Phone **020 7639 6047** or email [admin@oakhill.org.uk](mailto:admin@oakhill.org.uk)



### Co-work Space available at Hatch Peckham and events and training venue at Hatcham House, Queens Road.

Free Trials | Pay as you go and monthly subscriptions  
Over 260 supportive community members

Regular socials | Comfortable and unique spaces | Dog friendly | Book via our app  
Not for profit | Free meeting rooms for members | Rent desk space from £12.50 per day

Phone **020 8050 3939** or email [info@face.work](mailto:info@face.work)



### Various spaces available for hire in this community resource at the top of the hill next to the church.

Regular activities held here include Yoga, Support Groups, Tai Chi and Pilates, plus lots for children and the Thursday "Branching Out" Club for the elderly.

Website, [thcentre.com](http://thcentre.com) or call in to pick up one of their regularly updated leaflets detailing activities for adults, young people or pre-schoolers.

Phone **020 7639 0214** or email [office@thcentre.com](mailto:office@thcentre.com)



A community playclub for under 5s and their carers

A volunteer, community-run stay and play facility for families with children under 5, offering free, drop-in sessions 6 days a week.

Also available for party hire at weekends.

In the Telegraph Hill Lower Park—entrance also direct from Erlanger Road.

Follow us on Facebook or Instagram or email us at [telegraphhillplayclub@gmail.com](mailto:telegraphhillplayclub@gmail.com)