



We Don't Need Casinos!

Pie N Mash started out squatting places like disused betting shops and turning them into community cafes. It is a shame to see that Pie N Mash cafe #2 at 70 Deptford High St has been turned into a casino, and cafe #3 at number 40 has just been granted permission to be turned into another "adult gaming centre".

At a time when connection with others in our neighbourhoods is more important than ever, the last thing that we need is further isolation and financial destitution.

Lewisham is full of people who care about their neighbourhood, and there are plenty of amazing local spaces to meet, but we must be wary of private enterprise and the council seeking to erode the bonds that makes this place feel like one of the last bastions of community resistance against gentrification within zone 3.

The council even went so far as to say that "there is no requirement in policy for development to be beneficial to the wider community".



Deptford Neighbourhood Action is a neighbourhood forum that was created to ensure that local voices are heard with regards to planning. It was born out of the efforts to save the Tidemill Garden - as was Pie N Mash. They are good place to start if you want to hold the council to account regarding any potential plans for the area. See more at <https://deptfordaction.org.uk>

Of course some things are best done without the council's involvement at all, so don't be afraid to talk to your neighbours, and take your own action.

GET INVOLVED

Everyone at Pie N Mash is a local member of the community and shares their time freely. The more people involved the lighter the load.

We are especially looking for people to **pack food parcels** and do other tasks at The Field

- Tuesday 12.30pm to 3pm
- Wednesday noon to 6pm
- Thursday noon to 4pm
- Friday noon to 2pm

and to **deliver food parcels** Wednesdays from 4.30 and Thursdays from midday.

and to run our food and outreach stalls in Peckham on Tuesday afternoons and Deptford Thursday afternoons.

If you can only do evenings and weekends, maybe you can pick up donations or do admin!

To join us, fill in the application form on our website, or contact us.

DONATE

We always welcome financial support - we'll take cash or you can donate via our website at this link:



HISTORICAL WOMEN OF LEWISHAM: SUE GODFREY

Sue Godfrey was a local environmental campaigner, who committed herself to the Crossfields Estate and the nearby nature reserve. It was renamed the Sue Godfrey Nature Reserve in her honour after she passed away in 1994. This patch of wilderness can be found just off Deptford Church Street and is home to all sorts of flora and fauna.



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

You are invited - The Pie N Mash Annual General Meeting will be 5pm **Sunday 5 December** at New Cross Gate Trust in Besson St SE14 5QE. We have an AGM every year to approve our budget and elect role holders. Please let us know if you would like to take part.

if you would like to take part but can't attend or have specific access requirements please get in touch. This may include accessing the meeting from home, sending your suggestions in advance of the meeting, support with physical, audio or visual access, translation and more. If you would like to attend with your children we can also accommodate you.

Any proposals or items for the agenda need to get to us by **Sunday 21 November** - check our contact details below.

COP26: WHAT IS IT AND WHY ARE PEOPLE RESISTING IT?

World leaders and experts are currently meeting in Glasgow at the global climate talks, COP26. The decisions made at COP26 will shape how governments respond (or not) to the climate crisis. They will decide who is to be sacrificed, who will escape and who will make a profit. So far, governments have done too little too late: colluding with corporations and hiding behind green washed 'solutions' that actually don't exist yet, that don't address the scale of the problem, and in many cases rely on more exploitation of people and the planet.

See more info here: <https://cop26coalition.org/>

GARDENING AT THE FIELD



Sustainability is a massive part of the issue we face ecologically. Join us as we do it locally, growing our own fruit and veg at our HQ, The Field.

Sundays, 1-3pm.

ABOUT US

Pie N Mash is a friendly and optimistic community of over 300 people in south east London. As a mutual aid group, we work together to make sure we all have what we need to thrive.

ABOUT MUTUAL AID

But our project isn't just about food. It's also about growing the connections between people in our community. It's about getting to know each other and making friends in our local area. It's about understanding what makes our neighbours happy and what worries them. It's about coming together to solve problems and celebrate achievements. It's about helping people when they ask and being able to ask when we need help too.



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