

OUR PARTNERS

This programme of dinners and events has been developed in partnership with:

THE EXCHANGE

The Exchange is an arts organisation based in Erith working with Bexley Council to deliver a bright new future for the Carnegie Building as a cultural hub for the town. The Lighthouse project provides The Exchange with its first significant opportunity to engage with the public and begin the conversation around the development of the old library.

GCDA

Since 2001 GCDA has been developing food projects which started with the creation of food co-ops and cookery clubs and over the last 15 years has grown to now include running restaurants, cafes, food production businesses and many more. GCDA employ specialist staff with knowledge of the food industry to support the creation of local food businesses as a way of tackling social and economic inequality.

OUR SUPPLIERS

BEXLEY BREWERY (1 mile)

Established in 2014 Bexley Brewery is a local family business bringing brewing back to the borough to produce good quality real ales. They can be found in the Manford Industrial Estate on Manor Road which is only a 15 minute walk from Erith town centre and the Thames Path walk.

MY FARMER'S MARKET (4 miles)

My Farmer's Market organises farmers' markets in North Kent that sell local produce directly from the producers. They have been running the farmers market at Hall Place in Bexley on the 1st Sunday of the month for 5 years and this offers a selection of local produce from within 30 miles of Bexley borough.

KEATS COMMUNITY ORGANICS (5 miles)

Keats Community Organics is an organically certified urban farm situated on one acre of land on the edge of a housing estate in Welling, South East London. Consisting of a grow-to-sell site, the farm sells high end produce to restaurants in South East and Central London.

WOODLANDS FARM TRUST (6 miles)

Woodlands Farm is a unique city farm as its size of 36 hectares which is around the size of 50 football fields, allows it be run as a traditional working farm. They use their fields in Bexley to produce lamb, pork and beef.

KELSEY'S FARM SHOP (6 miles)

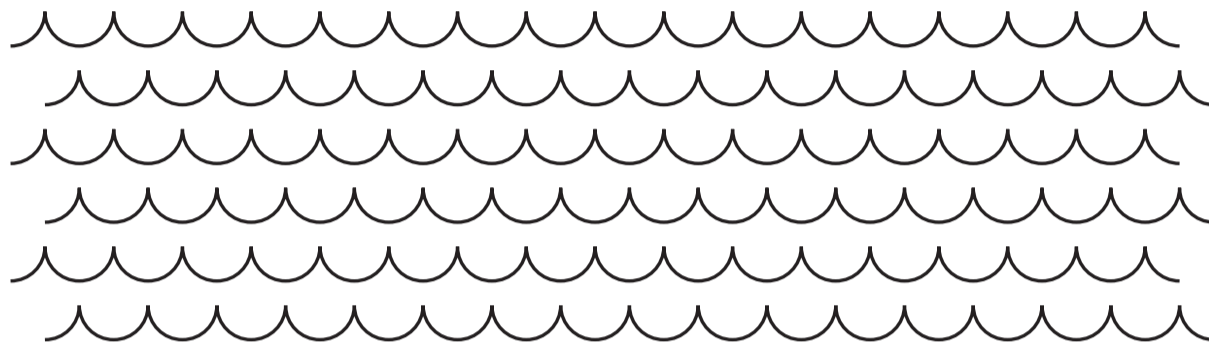
Kelsey's Farm Shop at Woollett Hall Farm in Sidcup, Kent is run by Bill and Andree Kelsey. It stocks produce from the couple's own farm and supports other selected Kent farms too.

FARESHARE (10 miles)

FareShare London saves good food from going to waste and takes it to over 200 charities and community groups across the capital, who turn it into meals for Londoners. The food they redistribute is fresh, good quality and in-date surplus from the food industry.



A SUMMER OF FOOD AND EVENTS BY THE ERITH RIVERFRONT



RIVERSIDE GARDENS: 10-27 AUGUST 2017

ERITH PIER: 7-24 SEPTEMBER 2017

ERITH LIGHTHOUSE AT THE PIER: 7-24 SEPTEMBER

Erith Lighthouse will be returning in September to Erith Pier. Keep an eye out for updates and further information on the Greater Erith website, facebook page, and instagram. A printed programme for September will be made available at key locations in Erith such as Erith Library and Bexley College.

ADDRESS FOR 10-27 AUGUST

Erith Lighthouse, Riverside Gardens, Erith DA8 1QY

We have limited capacity at Erith Lighthouse so booking for all events and dinners is essential. To book tickets visit:

www.greatererith.com/erith-lighthouse

Facebook: www.facebook.com/ErithLighthouse

Instagram: @ErithLighthouse

Web: www.greatererith.com/erith-lighthouse

By attending events you agree to be filmed and photographed for publicity purposes. Please let a member of staff know if you prefer otherwise.

Come and enjoy Erith's riverside this summer. The Lighthouse is an extraordinary destination for the community that will bring the town back to the Thames and give space to a season of food, exploration and play.

Across August and September, 17 chefs will host 17 dinners at Erith Lighthouse, creating distinct menus inspired by Erith's unique riverside location on the border of London and Kent. Each dinner will be a celebration and fusion of London's exciting food culture and this area's agricultural heritage.

Alongside the dinners, a six-week programme of family-friendly events in partnership with the best of Erith's people and places will explore and celebrate the many faces of Erith and this part of the Thames Estuary.

Commissioned by the London Borough of Bexley and funded by the Mayor of London's London Regeneration Fund, as part of Bexley's Greater Erith Programme, the Erith Lighthouse has been produced in collaboration with DK-CM and The Decorators. The Lighthouse is aimed at reactivating the town centre and making the most of Erith's unique setting by the River Thames.



THE DECORATORS



WEEK 1: ALL PATHS LEAD TO ERITH THURSDAY 10 TO SUNDAY 13 AUGUST

Erith sits on the Thames Path trail and marks the start (or the end) of the Green Chain Walk. That is to say the best parts of Erith are to be discovered by foot. Join us this week for alternative walks, tours and trails in and around Erith to reveal the hidden sides of the town and this stretch of the River Thames.

THURSDAY 10 AUGUST

ERITH LIGHTHOUSE GARDEN PARTY

To celebrate the opening of Erith Lighthouse at Riverside Gardens we invite you to our garden party. Expect summery sounds from local musicians and some classic garden games.

Thursday 10 August, 6.30–9.30pm



Carnegie Building

FRIDAY 11 AUGUST

THE OLD LIBRARY

Join the discussion about the future of Erith's Old Library. Take a walk with The Exchange, Robin Lee Architects and Bexley Council to the Carnegie Building, and help shape the next hundred years of this iconic Erith landmark.

Meet at Erith Lighthouse Cafe, 10am and 3.30pm

SATURDAY 12 AUGUST

ALL PATHS LEAD TO ERITH (PART I)

A trip along the river to London's most southeastern outreaches gives a reminder of the city's roots; of where it has come from and where it is going. This walk, which is in two parts, sets off from Thamesmead to Erith Lighthouse on Saturday and continues down river from Erith Lighthouse to Dartford on Sunday. Both walks will trace the river to reveal something about London's ascent and evolution as a city. Led by International Lawns.

Ticket price: £5 (max 18 ppl, includes lunch at the lighthouse)

Meet at Abbey Wood Station, 11am

OUR ERITH

Local guides tag team a walking tour of Erith. These guides know Erith intimately. Let them show you their Erith.

Ticket price: £5 (max 18 people, includes lunch at the lighthouse)

Meet at Erith Lighthouse Cafe for lunch between 1–2.30pm, walk starts at 3pm

WEEK 2: FROM LAND TO TABLE MONDAY 14 TO SUNDAY 20 AUGUST

Let us celebrate Erith's unique riverside location at the edge of London and its proximity to Kent, the 'Garden of England'. In honour of this area's past and present food growing heritage, join us for talks and conversations with local food producers and a weekend of foraging and tasting the goods of Bexley & Kent lands.

THE EXCHANGE AT ERITH LIGHTHOUSE

MONDAY 14 TO FRIDAY 18 AUGUST

CRAFTY GARDENERS

Families, try your hand at:

GROWING EMBROIDERY

Using the riverside gardens and cafe produce as inspiration, families can design and create a unique sampler that will hang in your kitchen at home.

SEED SOWING

Discover how plants grow, and sow your own seeds in individual pots that you will paint and then take home.

POTATO PRINTING

Make a card, or a work of art, using potatoes and paint.

FLOWER PRESSING

Build and personalise your own flower press.

Monday to Wednesday, 9am–1pm, Thursday to Friday, 9–11.30am

TEA SALON

Pop in for refreshing tea and conversation with The Exchange and invited guests. Local topics will include Erith's history, cultural landscape, health and wellbeing,

industry and development. Tea samples will be supplied by local business Mystic Teas.

Monday to Tuesday, 4–5pm

PAINTING THE GARDEN

Take advantage of easels and supplies at Erith Lighthouse to create your Riverside Gardens-inspired masterpiece.

Erith Lighthouse terrace, Thursday to Friday, 3–5pm

SATURDAY 19 AUGUST

MARSHLAND MEDICINE

A wild medicine walk, with a qualified herbalist, on Crayford Marshes exploring the medicinal plants of this local ecology. Ticket price: £5 (max 18 ppl, includes lunch at the lighthouse)

Meet at Erith Lighthouse for lunch at 12pm, walk starts at 1pm

BEER TASTING WITH BEXLEY BREWERY

Bexley Brewery was established in 2014 by husband and wife team Cliff and Jane Murphy. This is the first time since the closure of Reffells Brewery in 1956 that the borough has its own brewery again. This will be an opportunity to meet the brewers for a tutored tasting of their beers & ales.

Ticket price: £10 (max 18 people)

4–5pm

SUNDAY 20 AUGUST

EDIBLE MARSHLAND

A guided foraging walk in Crayford Marshes to give everyone a feel for wild foraging. Participants will learn

SUNDAY 13 AUGUST

SEARCH FOR ERITH'S TREASURES

A special treasure hunt and trail through Erith for adults and children.

Meet at Erith Lighthouse Cafe, 11am–12pm

ALL PATHS LEAD TO ERITH (PART II)

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Ticket price: £5 (max 18 people, includes lunch at the lighthouse)

Meet at Erith Lighthouse for lunch between 12.30–1pm,

walk starts at 2pm.

FOOD AT ERITH LIGHTHOUSE

THURSDAY 10 TO SUNDAY 13 AUGUST

ERITH LIGHTHOUSE CAFE

Creating tasty snacks from surplus food supplies from Fareshare, GCDA will host a community cafe at the heart of Erith every Thursday–Sunday. There will also be classic games for you to relax with at the cafe or terrace. We have Score 4, Chess, Draughts, Snakes and Ladders and giant Jenga. Fun for all the family! Ask for the games at the cafe.

Thursday to Sunday, 9am–5pm

the basics of identification of edible plants and fungi.

Ticket price: £5 (max 18 people, includes lunch at the lighthouse)

Meet at Erith Lighthouse for lunch at 12pm, walk starts at 1pm

MEET THE PRODUCERS

Food conversations and tastings with some of the local suppliers that are providing ingredients and inspiration for the Erith Lighthouse menus. Come and show support for the locally grown.

3–5pm

FOOD AT ERITH LIGHTHOUSE

THURSDAY 17 TO SUNDAY 20 AUGUST

ERITH LIGHTHOUSE CAFE

Creating tasty snacks from surplus food supplies from Fareshare, GCDA will host a community cafe at the heart of Erith every Thursday–Sunday. There will also be classic games for you to relax with at the cafe or terrace. We have Score 4, Chess, Draughts, Snakes and Ladders and giant Jenga. Fun for all the family! Ask for the games at the cafe.

Thursday to Sunday, 9am–5pm

DINNER #3

TINY LEAF

Tiny Leaf is London's first and only organic, zero waste, vegetarian restaurant. Their menu takes root in organic surplus food stock, generously supplied by local food suppliers and supermarkets, farms, distributors, plant breeders and retailers. Book a seat at the table to join in this food revolution.

Thursday 17 August, 7.30–10.30pm

FOOD AT ERITH LIGHTHOUSE

THURSDAY 23 TO SUNDAY 27 AUGUST

ERITH LIGHTHOUSE CAFE

Creating tasty snacks from surplus food supplies from Fareshare, GCDA will host a community cafe at the heart of Erith every Thursday to Sunday. There will also be classic games for you to relax with at the cafe or terrace. We have Score 4, Chess, Draughts, Snakes and Ladders and giant Jenga. Fun for all the family! Ask for the games at the cafe.

Thursday to Sunday, 9am–5pm

DINNER #6

THE FEATURE KITCHEN

The Feature Kitchen hosts a menu of delicious and aromatic African and Caribbean dishes in collaboration with Dr Omolola Brown of Callaloo Kitchen (#lolabcooks). This meal, Omolola explains, will 'combine the food of my West African heritage and the Caribbean community I grew up around as a born and bred South-East Londoner'.

Thursday 24 August, 7.30–10.30pm

DINNER #7

FELIX WOODWARD

Felix likes to offer a menu that reflects the natural rhythms of the seasons and the produce of our places. If we stick to this we can't go wrong, it's what has been given to us to eat! Also keen on fermenting and pickling – expect some sourdough bread, cultured butter and natural pickles to accompany this dinner, plus a tasty collaboration with microbiologist Merlin Sheldrake.

Friday 25 August, 7.30–10.30pm

DINNER #1

STEVE KEILTY

Steve Keilty from Woolwich was the runner up in this year's Masterchef competition. Excited to ignite the food scene in South-east London, he is bringing to Erith Lighthouse his love for experimentation. So expect a menu that plays with flavour combinations and textures of British classics.

Friday 11 August, 7.30–10.30pm

DINNER #2

TOKUNBO'S KITCHEN

Tokunbo's Kitchen creates a space for people from all walks of life to enjoy the authentic and vibrant flavours of Nigeria through food. A seat at Tokunbo's Kitchen will have you feeling like a return to the experience of enjoying a good tasty meal shared with cherished ones. Their menu consists of dishes that are full of spices, flavourful and wholesome, using locally sourced ingredients to create dishes that celebrate both our Nigerian and British heritage.

Saturday 12 August, 7.30–10.30pm

ERITH SUNDAYS

Erith Lighthouse Cafe serves up tasty snacks, coffee and the Sunday papers all day with beautiful views of the River Thames.

Sundays, 9am–5pm

DINNER #4

KITCHEN RITUALS

Chef Batoool Tawfiq is the culinary brain behind Kitchen Rituals. Having worked for Honey & Co. and the Conflict Cafe, she specialises in Jordanian cuisine while looking deeper into how what we eat articulates our identities and highlights what unites us. This dining experience will demonstrate how food not only mirrors a community, but how also it can potentially change it for the better. Join this dinner to contemplate the history of Erith and those that live there through food.

Friday 18 August, 7.30–10.30pm

DINNER #5

ROSELITZ LONDON

Roselitz London is a farm-to-table food business committed to sourcing organic produce grown in London. They work directly with market gardens in South-East London, including Keats Community Organics in Bexley. Their vegetarian food offering connects diners to their local food heritage, bringing insight into the quality and richness of London grown produce and the growers who make it happen.

Saturday 19 August, 7.30–10.30pm

ERITH SUNDAYS

Erith Lighthouse Cafe serves up tasty snacks, coffee and the Sunday papers all day with beautiful views of the River Thames.

Sundays, 9am–5pm

WEEK 3: THE ERITH EXCHANGE MONDAY 21 TO SUNDAY 27 AUGUST

Join us for a week of making, skills exchanges and discussion centred on local trade and talent to explore the return of Erith Market.

THE EXCHANGE AT ERITH LIGHTHOUSE

MONDAY 21 TO FRIDAY 24 AUGUST

MAKE IN ERITH

Come and learn new skills, making toys, cards, jewellery and badges. The best creations will be exhibited at Saturday's 'How do we bring back Erith's market?' event. If you have a skill you would like to share, come down and teach us!

Monday to Wednesday, 9am–1pm

Thursday to Friday, 9–11.30am

TEA SALON

Pop in for refreshing tea and conversation with The Exchange and invited guests. Local topics will include Erith's history, cultural landscape, health and wellbeing, industry and development. Tea samples will be supplied by local business Mystic Teas.

Monday to Tuesday, 4–5pm

ERITH IN STILL LIFE

Explore drawing, painting and collage using the Erith riverfront as theme and inspiration. Sources and materials will be available, and there will be an opportunity to enter your artwork into a competition.

Erith Lighthouse terrace, Thursday to Friday, 3–5pm

SATURDAY 26 AUGUST

HOW DO WE BRING BACK ERITH'S MARKET?

The community has long hoped for the return of Erith's historic market. But how do we bring it back and make sure it is a success and unique to Erith? The Exchange is inviting local residents and businesses to Erith Lighthouse to discuss this subject and to meet a number of new local craft makers who will be showcasing and selling their products. Come down and add your voice to the discussion.

Erith Lighthouse terrace, 10am–2pm

SUNDAY 27 AUGUST

ERITH MARKET: PAST, PRESENT, FUTURE

Is the future of Erith Market in your hands? Join us for a discussion that looks at the role of Erith Market in the town centre in order to think about its future. We'll be joined by The Exchange feeding back from Saturday's event and Kay Richardson from Well Street Market, London's most innovative street market, to explore community-led models for Erith.

12–1pm

BARTER SCHOOL

We are replacing money with barter and celebrating the social nature of exchange. Want to learn something new, come and barter with your teacher. The class and the teacher's list of barter items will be posted on facebook/erithlighthouse.

3–5pm

DINNER #8

STEVE KEILTY RETURNS

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Saturday 26 August, 7.30–10.30pm

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Erith riverfront