

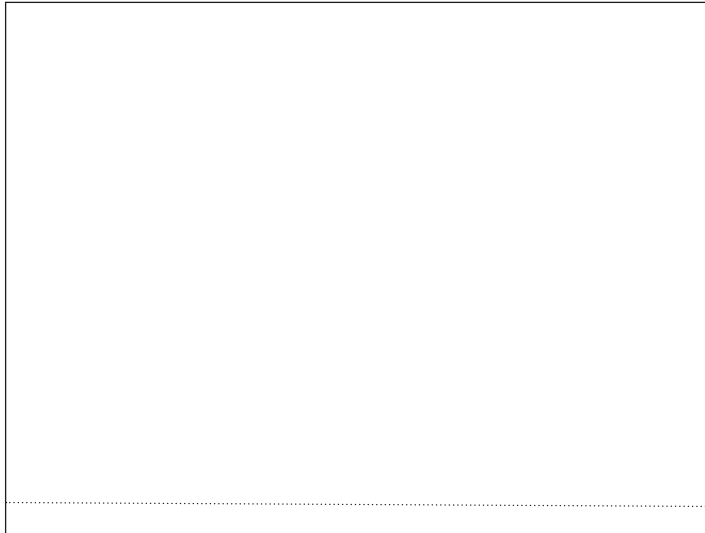






# Music in the sunshine

On 9 September the Crystal Palace Band returned to the bandstand for a concert arranged by the Clapham Society and the Friends of Clapham Common. After a dismal summer, we enjoyed a fine afternoon, the sunshine glinting on the polished instruments of this accomplished band. The music included brass band favourites, old and new, from The Pirates of Penzance to West Side Story. Most topical: Nessun Dorma the day after Pavarotti's funeral. Least topical: Singing in the Rain. We shall look forward to welcoming them back in 2008.



Michael Gray conducts as the Crystal Palace Band plays Nessun Dorma

In spite of the weather, there has been a range of events on the bandstand this summer. There was a brass band concert by a band from the Faroes; they were looking for somewhere to play one evening, and at very short notice Lambeth were able to offer them the Clapham bandstand. The day of music arranged by the Bedford pub suffered from appalling weather. During August, the Quantum Theatre Company put on a swash-buckling performance of Treasure Island. There were two afternoons with a gospel choir, and a series of weekday sessions of story-telling for children.

In August Lambeth appointed David Holley to be Bandstand Events Co-ordinator for the three Lambeth bandstands. David has met with the Society to hear our ideas, and will be planning a full programme for next year. The intention is that there will be regular, well publicised events.

Lambeth's two other bandstands are in Myatt's Fields and Ruskin Park, and a Lambeth mole tells us that there is intense rivalry between the parks officers over who has the best one. We would regard this as no contest. Indeed we were very pleased to

David Holley, Lambeth s Bandstand Events Co-ordinator  
learn earlier this year that our bandstand was shortlisted for an RIBA Award. It has been entered for a Civic Trust Award, so let's hope it gets one.

## Instant Sunshine

Wednesday 21 November 7.30 for 8 pm at Clapham Manor Primary School, Belmont Road, SW4.

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