

Sydenham Arts Festival and Spontaneous Productions present

# TILL THE BOYS COME HOME

Bringing to life the story of Sydenham's gas workers during the Great War: an original community musical in four parts

**FREE  
EVENTS**

Booking essential

**PART 1** Sun 6 July  
**PART 2** Sat 12 July  
**PART 3** (two perfs)  
Wed 16 & Thu 17 July  
**PART 4** Sat 19 July

Writer **Lucy Kaufman**

Producer and Creative Director

**Jonathan Kaufman**

Directors **Juliette Grassby-Lewis,**  
**Vicki Hambley** and **Steve Livermore**

Original songs and music

**Julian Kaufman**

Additional songs and music

**Deborah Garvey**

Costume designers **Sarah Mercade**  
and **Florence Hazard**

Production assistant

**Felicity Hayward**

Featuring Sir Steve Bullock as  
the Mayor of Lewisham in 1914!



**TAKE  
PART IN  
THE SHOW!**

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# A community musical in four parts

Enjoy each part individually - or see all four to experience the whole story!

Marking the centenary of the start of WW1 (1914-1918) Sydenham Arts Festival and in-house theatre company Spontaneous Productions have joined forces with local community groups and schools to tell the gripping story of the 458 workers of Sydenham's South Suburban Gas Company who fought during the Great War - 58 of whom made the ultimate sacrifice - through the eyes of the soldiers themselves and those on the 'home front'.

Performed in four parts at different locations throughout Sydenham during the festival (see listings for details) all performances are FREE. Tickets are limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. Contact the box office at 020 3659 0551 [boxoffice@sydenhamartsfestival.co.uk](mailto:boxoffice@sydenhamartsfestival.co.uk) or pop into Kirkdale Bookshop NB: Except for Part 3 these are 'promenade' performances so be prepared to stand or walk at times. Suitable for all aged 10+ but some scenes may require parental guidance



## PART 1: FOR KING AND COUNTRY

1920: Lord Cecil visits Sydenham's Gas Works to unveil its war memorial and the names of the fallen. But the ghosts of Livesey Hall just won't lie still... An immersive musical theatre performance that whisks you back in time to the outbreak of WW1 at a music-hall concert in August 1914 and a fundraising fete on the bowling green.

**SUN 6 JULY 4-6pm TUDOR LIVESEY HALL & BOWLING GREEN 225 Perry Hill, Bell Green, London SE6 4HD**



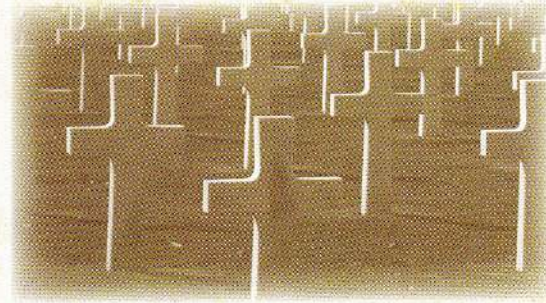
## PART 2: PACK UP YOUR TROUBLES

1915: As the drive for recruits to join the colours intensifies, news of the harsh reality of war begins to reach Sydenham... Attend a wedding, eavesdrop on military tribunals, join the debate on the morality of war, experience the thrill of a regimental band parade and even take part in a training session!

**SAT 12 JULY 3-5pm ST BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH & SEVERAL OUTDOOR LOCATIONS 4 Westwood Hill, Sydenham, London SE26 6QR**



**PART 3: HOME FIRES** The impact of WW1 on the people of Sydenham is explored through the eyes of women - mothers, wives, girlfriends, munitions workers and others on the 'home front'... Using actual letters, diaries, poetry and song the true horrors of war come to light. Performed by an all-female cast of professional actors and musicians. **WED 16 & THU 17 JULY 8-10pm ZANZIBAR NIGHTCLUB 291 Kirkdale, Sydenham, London SE26 4QD**



## PART 4: WHEN THIS LOUSY WAR IS OVER

In this final part, explore an interactive exhibition and performance at the TNG Youth Centre. Featuring a cast of children, young people, actors, dancers and musicians look back at the 'war to end all wars' and forward to the future - offering hope that the next generation might learn from history. **SAT 19 JULY 3-5pm TNG YOUTH CENTRE & SYDENHAM WELLS PARK 111 Wells Park Road, Sydenham, London SE26 6AD**



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