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Review of the year



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TATUM STREET

Introduction

2018 was a year of transition at Pembroke House. We said farewell to Fr. David Evans, whose leadership, energy and passion for this community filled our buildings with activities and ideas. Pembroke House has grown to the extent that trustees created the role of Executive Director and I was delighted to be appointed in April.

Among the remaining settlements, Pembroke House is rare in that we retain our three foundational elements: Residency, Community Centre and St Christopher's Walworth. I very much look forward to working closely with the new Warden, Mother Ellen Eames, and our brilliant staff team, in strengthening these links in the years to come.

We have welcomed a number of new members of the team, our projects continue to expand and we have made exciting new links with College. Sarah Howden, our first Pembroke Graduate Intern, made a great impact and shaped a role that we hope will become a long-standing feature.

2019 has seen exciting developments with the opening of a second site, the "Walworth Living Room", which offers new opportunities to bring people together in Walworth and a platform to explore the contemporary relevance of the settlement model.

As well as David, we have also said goodbye to other established team members, Elizabeth Andrews and Fausto Llopis. As Director of the Pembroke Academy of Music, Elizabeth brought Walworth to the Music Halls of the Southbank, and as Community Organiser, Fausto transformed our relationships with local community members, one doorstep conversation at a time.

None of our work would be possible without the support of all our donors, funders and partners. Pembroke House has always been a common endeavour, uniting the efforts of people from near and far. We thank every one of you for the part you have played.

Mike Wilson, Executive Director



Compost

Activities

What makes a Pembroke House activity unique and not just another garden group or community lunch? Our Director of Projects, Ali Kaviani, joined us in June 2018 to tackle questions like this.

Ali has a long history at Pembroke House, running Inclusive Dance and dt17 as one-half of involuntarymovement. He is now working with the Pembroke House team to oversee and develop our projects.

Today we work with over 15 organisations to deliver 30 activities, providing opportunities for people to:

CONNECT WITH EACH OTHER AND WITH OTHER ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES

Our Thursday Lunch Club is now a thriving Community Lunch and a fixture on the Walworth weekly calendar. The tables bring together surprising groups of people: a local GP on a lunch break talking with a long-time resident, a commissioner for local services and a new volunteer. Its role as a “social front-door” to Pembroke House was the impetus behind our plans for the new “Walworth Living Room” that we launched this year (see p17).

Worlds have collided at Lunch Club over the year: from a St Patrick’s Day party with Irish dancing and music from local amateur band “The Basement Crew”, to creative workshops with the Dulwich Picture Gallery, a performance by the Young Vic, and Michelin-starred cuisine by visiting chefs, Leonardo and Jake from Dinner by Heston Blumenthal.

We want to make more of these connections, developing a residency model for projects that encourages collaboration between the activities and organisations that use our buildings. We will also continue to be a place where people can connect with other local opportunities and services, working with groups such as the Southwark Wellbeing Hub and the South London and Maudsley NHS Trust “Work Well” team.

TRY NEW THINGS, GROW AND LEARN AS INDIVIDUALS

What's the thread that draws together a garden group with a dance class, a knitting circle and a music academy? It might not be the subject matter so much as the approach. At Pembroke House these projects provide participants with the opportunity to engage in an activity over a sustained period of time, and to learn more about themselves, and each other, along the way.

Take dt17, a long-term dance theatre programme that requires local young people to react to the prompts of the practitioners as well as the responses and reactions of the other participants. Young people learn 'how to learn' in a social environment that's far removed from a traditional classroom. With support from Sir John Cass's Foundation we continue to bring perspectives to this programme beyond dance, including regular supervision of the practitioners from involuntary movement by a child and adolescent clinical psychologist. We are also building stronger links with local schools.

Dance is not just something for the younger generation: Patrick Wood continues to offer weekly ballet classes and an increasingly popular 'Dancersize' session on Thursday before Lunch Club. IntoUniversity also celebrated their five-year anniversary at Pembroke House – a collaboration we hope will continue long into the future.

The continuity and longevity of our activities is something that makes Pembroke House stand out in the local community. Longest-standing of all is the Pembroke Academy of Music (PAM) which in 2019 saw pass grades for all 36 examination candidates, 42% of whom achieved distinction. Three students achieved highly sought-after places at the Guildhall School's Centre for Young Musicians, one with a full scholarship, which they will take up in September.

TO GIVE BACK AND CONTRIBUTE

Settlements have always been places where everyone has as much to give as they have to gain. We were founded by volunteers and continue to provide opportunities for people to use their skills and ideas to make a positive difference in Walworth.

Our programmes would not be possible without the 70+ volunteers who bring their passion, energy and time each week. What starts as a weekly shift here and there often transforms into a life-long relationship with this space and community.

Over the course of the year we have seen the growth of volunteer-led projects and activities, including a new group of Community Journalists, who produced an inspiring multi-media interview with Sarah Howden, our first Pembroke College Graduate Intern. These Journalists sit alongside a raft of volunteer-led groups at Pembroke House, from group-reading, to knitting, and sewing.

We also continue to work with local Tenant and Residents' Associations to host the annual Tatum Street Party, where a team of over 30 volunteers did everything from erecting the stage, to making cups of tea and face-painting.

And we have introduced our new Welcome Shuttle, reaching out to local people who would like to come to a Pembroke House activity but are worried about coming on their own. A pair of volunteers meets them at their house and walks them to our activity, showing them the way as well as giving them a friendly welcome to our community.

I  VOLUNTEERING
AT PEMBROKE HOUSE
BECAUSE...

It gives me lots of great
opportunities to do other
things! James

Inspiring Volunteers

James Moseley Volunteer



James has shown huge commitment to everything Pembroke House does for the local community. He is always willing to take on new challenges and is a reliable and enthusiastic member of our team. He showed particularly great commitment in the planning and delivery of our annual Street Party.

Our Street Party is in July but the planning takes six months. During the planning stage of the event, James was part of a team of local residents working to ensure that the event was a great success.

James is not only a great extra pair of hands in our activities and events, he also continually helps us shape our services by offering great feedback. He joins the Lunch Club planning and steering meetings, offering a useful perspective when he can.

Pembroke House is lucky to have such a dedicated member of our team and we look forward to seeing what else James gets involved with in the future.

Ann Rudduck Volunteer



When Ann's children grew up and left home, she struggled with a sense of no longer having a role. Looking to get out and about, she joined our Lunch Club for Older People.

Ann, however, is not someone who can sit idle while there is work to be done. She quietly helped with the washing up, then when our kitchen assistant moved on, she started coming in at 10am to help with food preparation.

Now Ann stays until the kitchen is spotless and has become a seasoned cook, often preparing dessert for 50+ people from scratch. Even that wasn't enough! When she heard that we needed a volunteer to support our Readers' group, she took on that role too. Cheerful, utterly reliable, unassuming and incredibly hard-working, Ann has contributed an astonishing 300 hours over the last year.

Nadia Crichlow Volunteer

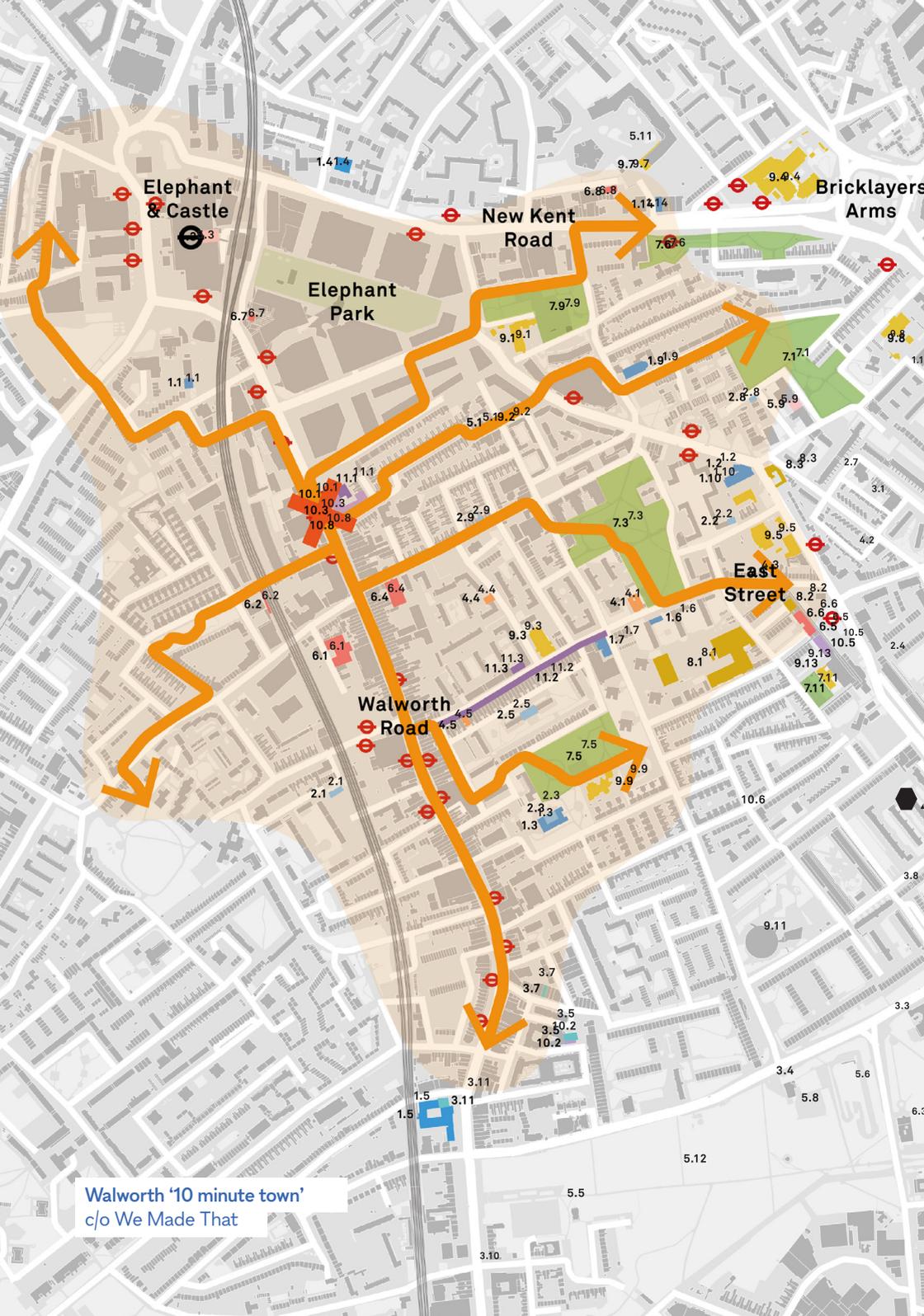


Nadia came to Pembroke House after a stroke left her struggling with her speech and memory. Her physical therapist suggested volunteering to help her recovery.

Nadia joined our Lunch Club team, serving food and washing up afterwards, and also started helping in the office. Her speech improved noticeably and she was soon confidently answering the phone as well as helping with administrative tasks.

When we started a new Readers' group, she helped to get the group off the ground, reading aloud and joining in the discussions. She says, "Everyone is so kind, I enjoy all the things that I do. The Readers' group is really helping my speech therapy as well."

In fact, Nadia made so much progress that we suggested she talk to Notting Hill Housing about their free courses. Now she is studying for a Level 2 qualification in Office Administration.



Walworth '10 minute town'
c/o We Made That

Walworth Neighbourhood

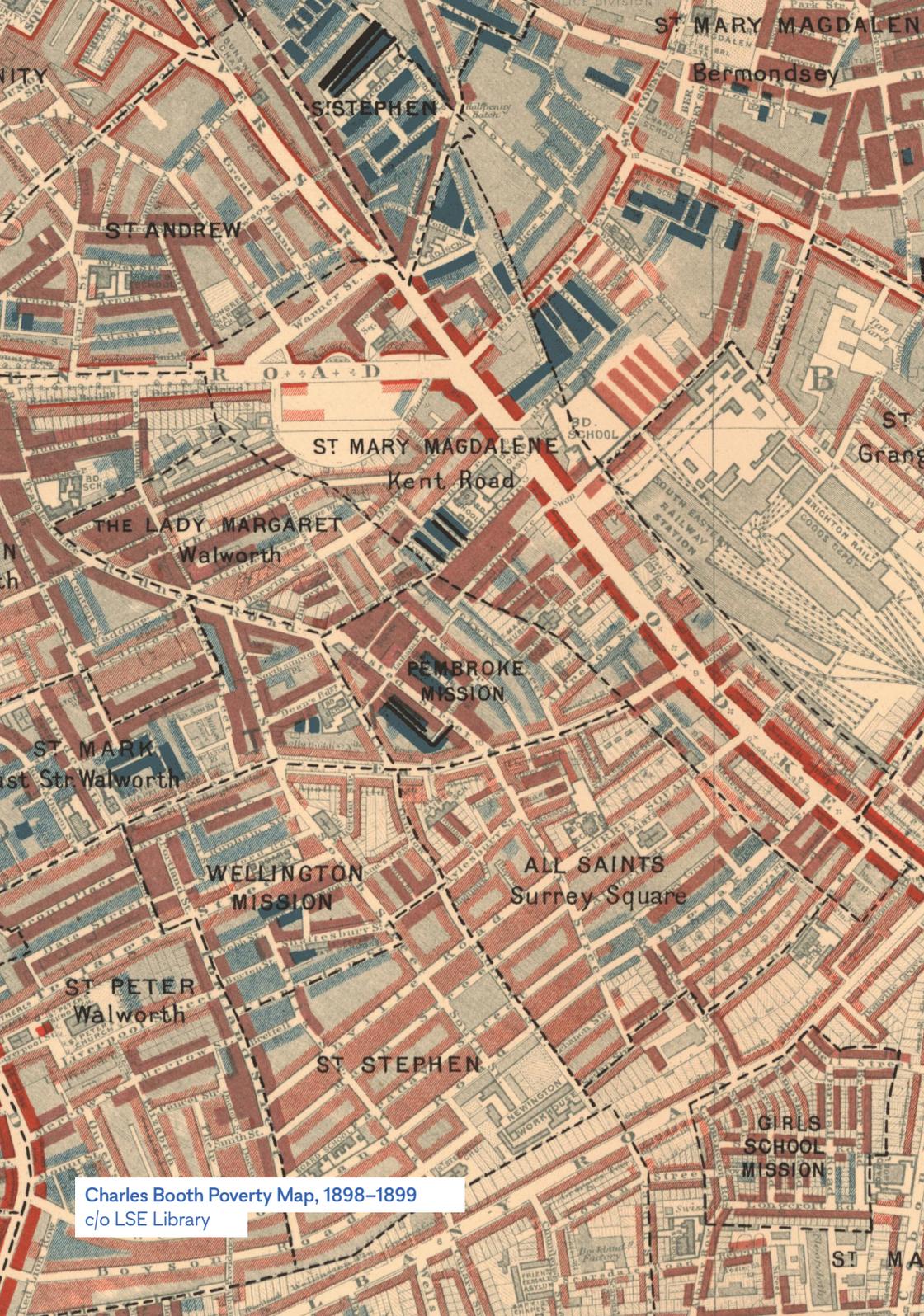
We know that we won't make a long-term difference in Walworth on our own. We need to combine efforts with local groups and providers in Walworth – linking our community activities with the work of others in this community.

We've been doing this for a number of years, taking our work outside of Pembroke House to build new relationships with residents, looking to inspire collective action on local issues, and we will be establishing a training programme in community organising for local residents.

Many of the same principles apply when looking to inspire collective action between local organisations as between local residents: identifying shared interests and committing to action towards common goals. We continue to work with the South London and Maudsley (SLaM) NHS Mental Health Trust, learning to bridge our work in Walworth with the services of a major statutory provider.

Building on these experiences, in partnership with Guy's and St Thomas' Charity and local health and social care providers, we have been developing new "Neighbourhood" approaches to tackling long-term health inequalities in Walworth. We are bringing together statutory and voluntary sector partners with perspectives from business, campaigning, performance arts, media, architecture and urban design – recognising the role that we all have to play in building a strong and vibrant community.

As Walworth undergoes significant changes, Pembroke House can have a key role to play in agitating for an approach that keeps a concern for the wider neighbourhood at its heart.



Charles Booth Poverty Map, 1898-1899
c/o LSE Library

A Settlement for the 21st Century

Samuel and Henrietta Barnett, William Beveridge, Clement Attlee, Jane Addams: all familiar names in the history of modern welfare reforms, some responsible for pioneering new models of social and educational work in cities and others for bringing these to the masses.

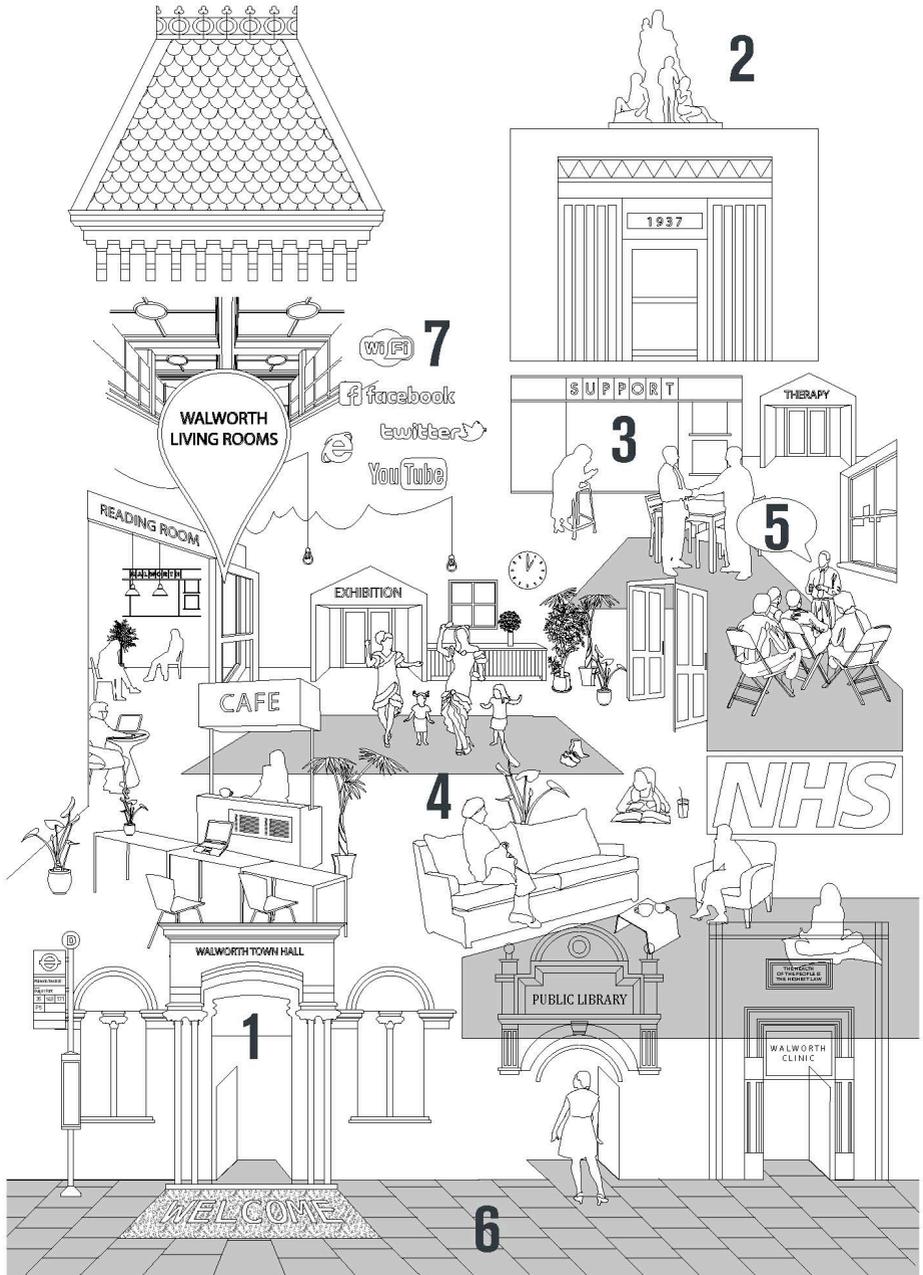
But what do all hold in common? Lives shaped through residence in one settlement house or another.

Settlements were founded against the backdrop of growing inequality in the UK and in recognition that existing models of state welfare, parish ministry, or philanthropy did not offer adequate responses. The students who founded Pembroke House and other such settlement houses took up residence in particular communities and worked alongside the local population and organisations to search for new solutions. The models they developed, and the questions they asked, shaped the institutions we benefit from today.

Although much has changed, there are similarities between conditions today and those that inspired our founders in 1885. Walworth remains an area of stark inequality: the estates surrounding Pembroke House fall within the most deprived nationally and yet sit side-by-side with expansive new developments crowned by multi-million pound apartments.

And there is a growing recognition that answers to this inequality are unlikely to emerge fully-formed from the think tanks, service redesign agencies, commissioners or the discretionary budgets of large charitable foundations, working alone and in isolation.

In this context we are seeing increasing interest in the settlement and our ability, as residents of Walworth, to bring together surprising groups and organisations for the benefit of this community. We are launching a major new programme of work to understand what a settlement model for the 21st century might look like – looking, once again, for our local work to inspire others further afield.



Walworth Living Room 'spatial constitution'
 c/o We Made That

Walworth Living Room at All Saints Hall

2019 has seen the biggest material change to the settlement since the refurbishment – and a first move, since Prior Hall was demolished in 1964, to a split site. We have opened a new venue, the “Walworth Living Room”, five minutes’ walk from Pembroke House at All Saints Hall in Surrey Square – a building owned by St Christopher’s Church.

We know that our Thursday Lunch Club can act as a “social front door” to welcome local residents into wider social circles and other sources of support, and we’ve also seen how these same lunch tables can inspire new connections and relationships between local organisations as staff members join us to eat.

But Lunch Club is only once a week – and there is a lack of spaces that function like this in the local area. Together with a number of other local partners (voluntary sector groups, local businesses, and statutory providers), we now want to test how we might create this same welcoming atmosphere every day.

All Saints Hall provides an exciting opportunity to test this, with a central community kitchen and cafe surrounded by shared activity, meeting and office spaces. We are building a venue that can act like a Living Room for the community, that brings together individuals and organisations who do not usually interact or work together in one building: local GP staff with the Pembroke House team, for example, or Walworth residents with the officers responsible for local services.

This is a major undertaking, supported in the first instance by Guy’s and St Thomas’ Charity, and will provide further opportunities to build on our existing work and bring people together in Walworth.

The Team



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Executive Director



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Director of
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Director of Projects



Mother Ellen Eames
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SLaM Community
Coordinator



Patrick Wood
Caretaker & Project
Lead: Ballet



Ollie Finn
Projects Officer



Maureen McConnell
Cleaner



Yejide Osoteku
Office Assistant



Sonia Kneepkens
Lunch Club Co-ordinator



Diana Cochrane
Walworth Living Room
Project Manager



Richard Galpin
Community Outreach
Co-ordinator



St. Christopher's Church
Helen, Ellen

Volunteer

2011
THEATRE
SEASON

Volunteer

Residency



Richard Mason
Lunch Club Officer



Annick Metefia
Community Outreach Officer



Anna-Marie Mašková
Designer & PAM volunteer



Anthony Blair
Community Journalism Project
Lead



Frances Foley
Events Officer

Frances Foley

Residency Profile

I'm Frances, I'm 29 and I grew up in a small village in the Pennine hills, near Manchester – lots of sheep, rain, folk dancers and pubs. I came to London a few years ago and have since worked in a few different political organisations, focusing on democratic engagement and political participation.

Now I work at Compass, a think tank and campaigning organisation which builds alliances between different progressive parties, organisations and community groups. This means lots of running about connecting people, plenty of events and workshops, some writing and research and a lot of plate-spinning.

I first heard about Pembroke House this summer through Small Axe, a creative campaigns agency who both Pembroke and Compass work with. They were tired of hearing us both talk about the same ideas – so decided to put us in touch for a conversation.

Pembroke House had me at hello: from the peace of the community garden to the hubbub of the hall over lunch, it was a place which fizzed with life, activity and spirit. After years of living in London, but never really feeling a part of any neighbourhood, Pembroke seemed like a place which connected – and where people felt immediately known and part of it. Here everyone gets involved in everything – so life is intense, busy and rich.

My role here as resident is to run our big events – from community get togethers like the street party and the much-hyped karaoke night (Walworth's Got Talent?) – to a new series of open public debates about what a 21st century settlement movement could look like – and how we make it happen.



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The Community Shows love
which makes it easy for
People to enjoy their
Community

St Christopher's Church

2018 was a year of significant change at St. Christopher's, following our farewell to Fr David at Easter. We showed our gratitude to him in the way that we know best: a big party, lots of food and wine, and plenty of dancing!

The interregnum gave us an opportunity to work closely together as a Church. We're very grateful to Fr James Gardom, Dean of Pembroke College, who covered our Sunday services from Easter until September. He continued Bible Studies with the Lunch Club on Thursdays, ministered to our Children's and Youth Churches, and kept our Messy Church running monthly. His love for St. Christopher's was shown through his time, care, and energy, and we were glad to visit him at Pembroke College on the Annual Trip in October as well as a trip in July. Fr James and the Archdeacon, Jane Steen, also admitted some of our younger members to Communion.

Mother Eleanor Goodison very kindly covered our Thursday Mass. From September we had a small group of visiting priests for our Sunday services. It was great to welcome Fr Mark Williams back for St Christopher's Day and Bishop Karowei for our Harvest Thanksgiving. We also welcomed Fr Richard Stanton, one time Student Rep at Pembroke College, who was pleased to celebrate Mass with us at the beginning of November.

Another highlight of 2018 was welcoming the Choir of Pembroke College for Advent Carols, Jollof Rice and Bingo in December.

We were delighted to welcome Mother Ellen Eames as our new Priest in Charge, and Warden of Pembroke House, in early 2019, and we were also joined by a curate, Deepthi Wickremasinghe, in June.

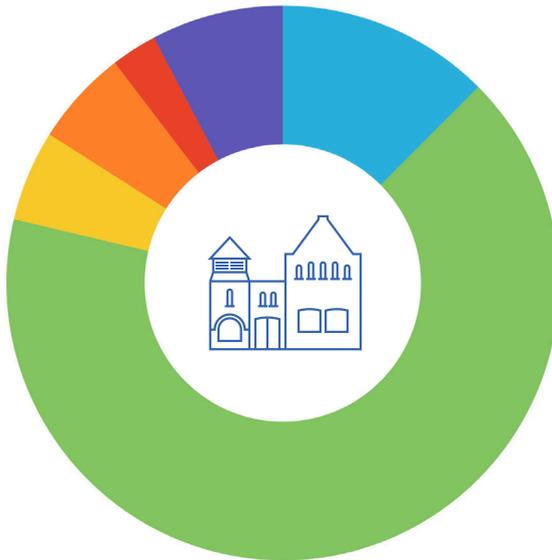
The parish is looking forward to visiting Pembroke College and worshipping in the chapel again on Sunday 20 October, and to the annual Advent Carol Service with the College Choir on Sunday 8 December, at St Christopher's.

Our Finances

year ending 31st March 2019

Total Income £559,334

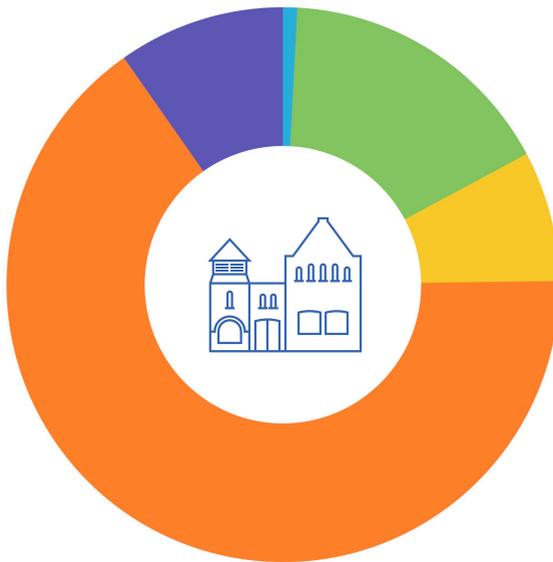
● Donations - Pembroke College Members.....	£31,332
● Donations - Other.....	£29,687
● Trusts and Foundations.....	£370,183
● Rentals.....	£69,972
● Investments inc property.....	£43,160
● Other.....	£15,000



Expenditure is £25,408 lower than income during the year (before a small loss on investments).

Total Expenditure £533,926

● Activities run by Pembroke House.....	£349,491
● Premises.....	£40,559
● Support costs.....	£87,347
● Governance costs.....	£4,442
● Fundraising costs.....	£52,087



Around 15 other organisations run activities from Pembroke House too. Expenditure on premises and support covers the cost of facilitating their activity as well as our own.



Pembroke House Supporters

We are hugely grateful for the support of our donors. Thanks to College subscribers who completed Gift Aid forms we were also able to reclaim a further £5,658 in tax. As competition grows stronger for the ever-depleting pots of statutory and charitable funds, regular donations from subscribers and other individual donors are critical to secure the long-term future of our activities and our independence.

In April 2019 Pembroke College Mission completed the lengthy process of incorporation to become a charitable company limited by guarantee. This change in legal structure also came with a change of charity number and registered name to Pembroke College Settlement.

We will be using this opportunity to speak with existing subscribers about our plans for the future, including the Walworth Living Room and our programme on “settlements for the 21st century”. We hope this will also be a catalyst for growing and deepening our connection with members of Pembroke College and broadening the base of regular supporters for the future.

Although we do not receive direct financial support from Pembroke College, we are excited that the introduction of a year-long Pembroke Graduate Internship, and new vacation placements, have inspired fresh interest in Pembroke House amongst the student body and the rebirth of the Pembroke House Student Society. We look forward to these links continuing to develop in coming years.

Your gift could help in the following ways:

£25

per month
for a year

- A parent and child can attend Music for Babies and Toddlers for a year to improve language skills and meet other families in the area
 - An outing for lunch club participants, e.g. to the theatre
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£50

per month
for a year

- Dancercise for older people and professional ballet dancers for a year
 - Support our sewing group to make glorious fashion statements for two months
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£100

per month
for a year

- Weekly gardening sessions for six months for people with mental ill-health as an alternative to prescription drugs
 - Two Meet Your Neighbour events, e.g. a barn dance or a jazz night bringing together existing and new residents
 - House a resident in the residency for three months, allowing them to volunteer in Pembroke House in a variety of roles.
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If you would like to support the work we do there are a number of ways to donate:

Online

Visit www.justgiving.com/pembrokehouse/

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Send a cheque made payable to:
Pembroke House Walworth
to Executive Director, Pembroke
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Call Grisel Tarifa, Director
of Finance & Operations, on
020 7703 3803 and ask for
our bank account details and
a Gift Aid mandate.

Projects

Alcoholics Anonymous for under 30s:

Big Book study session.

Ballet for Adults:

Ballet lessons for beginner and advanced adults.

Book club:

Enjoy a story, meet new people and share a cup of tea.

Community Journalism:

Volunteer-led Walworth journalism project.

dt17:

Performing arts and social skills programme for young people aged 9-13.

ESOL Classes

Elementary English classes with a crèche for small children.

Gardening for Wellbeing:

A relaxing way to learn new skills, enjoy nature, meet new people and feel a greater sense of wellbeing.

Inclusive Dance:

Learning-disabled young people aged 16-25 growing in confidence and independence by learning movement and social skills through performing arts.

IntoUniversity:

Supporting young people in Year 5 and above to attain a university place or another chosen aspiration.

Knitting Club:

A social knitting group participating in Knit for Peace, providing hand-made items for those in need.

Lunch Club:

Humorous and supportive two-course lunch for local people and volunteers, preceded by 'dancercise' and followed by bingo.

Messy Church:

Exploring faith with crafts, stories and hot food for all the family.

Music for Babies and Toddlers:

Singing and music for under-4s; fun, friendship and well-earned cups of tea for parents and carers!

Music for Juniors:

Music education for children who have started school. Musical games, singing and percussion for 5-7 year olds and their families.

Narcotics Anonymous

Recovery from the effects of addiction.

Pembroke Academy of Music:
Exciting and affordable music and theory lessons for young people and children over 7 – with a community choir the whole family can join!

Sewing Club:
Learn sewing skills from a local fashion designer.

Southwark Wellbeing Hub
Free information and support for anyone in Southwark experiencing problems with mental wellbeing.

St Christopher's Church:
Joyful Church of English parish. Children's and youth churches are available for ages 3-19.

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The Musicians' Company
The Worshipful Company of Curriers
The Worshipful Company of Tobacco
Pipe Makers and Tobacco Blenders
United St. Saviour's

**“From the moment I arrived, I felt
welcome and at home here.
Everyone is so warm and friendly.”**

Gordana, Volunteer

**“I love the working environment at
Pembroke House. This is friendly,
kind with a very helpful attitude.”**

Jasmina, Volunteer

