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## Early cine cameras to show vintage films at library

ONE of the earliest forms of cine cameras will be installed at a library as part of a Fashion in Film Festival. A kinoscope – or peephole – machine will be in Lewisham Library from Monday until

November 28, celebrating the festival's Kinoscope Parlour project. It will be used to show a selection of hand-coloured and stencilled early films. They include an 1897

Serpentine dance by the Lumière brothers and trick films made by Spanish film pioneer Segundo de Chomón for Pathé in the early 1900s. Often arranged in parlours, the kinoscope was the first

publicly installed device for viewing short films. The selection of films chosen shows the key role costume played in early cinema. For more information visit [www.fashioninfilm.com](http://www.fashioninfilm.com)



MEETING: MP Simon Hughes and Baroness Sarah Ludford, centre, meet campaigners

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# Praised for getting their hands dirty...

## POLITICIANS HAIL 'SUPER SEWER' OPPONENTS

POLITICIANS have hailed the efforts of determined South London campaigners who are fighting to save a park and playground from becoming "super sewer" sites.

Thames Water is planning the 14-mile sewer to stop waste overflowing into the Thames after heavy rain.

King's Stairs Gardens, off Jamaica Road, Bermondsey, would be used as an operating base for the works for seven years under the proposals.

The Alfred Salter Playground in Druid Street, Bermondsey, could also be out of bounds for two years while work

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is carried out.

Lib Dem Bermondsey and Old Southwark MP Simon Hughes and European Parliament member Baroness Sarah Ludford met campaigners on Monday last week.

Baroness Ludford said: "I was very impressed by the way local residents had come out in force to express very vocally their concerns.

"They are worried about the impact construction work would have on their highly valued park, education centre and children's playground."

More than 60 residents

confronted a Thames Water representative on October 12 at the Beormund Community Centre in Abbey Street, Bermondsey.

After the meeting, delighted residents were told that alternative brownfield sites suggested by them would be considered "before the next stage of consultation".

### Alternative

Mr Hughes had talks on October 29, with Phil Stride, head of the Tideway Tunnels at Thames Water, to advance the alternative brownfield sites suggestions.

Mr Hughes said: "I am aware that there are brownfield sites available, including one at

Convoys Wharf, Deptford.

"Southwark does not have an abundance of public green space and it would be a real shame to lose any more valuable space unless it was absolutely necessary."

Residents have formed the King's Stairs Gardens Action Group to fight the plans and save the park and playground.

The campaign is being supported by Southwark council's Labour leader, Councillor Peter John and Southwark Lib Dem group leader Councillor Anood Al-Samerai.

● For more information about the campaign visit [www.saveksg.com](http://www.saveksg.com)

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## Cameron under fire after student grant axed

PRIME Minister David Cameron has been criticised by a South London MP for doing a U-turn on student support grants.

Lewisham East Labour MP Heidi Alexander raised the issue during Prime Minister's Questions in Parliament on Wednesday.

Mr Cameron pledged to keep the Education Maintenance Allowance

(EMA) during a visit to Lewisham College in Brockley Way before May's General Election.

He told students: "We'll keep it. We've taken a look at it. We think it's a good idea."

### Abolished

But on October 20 the coalition Government announced the fund would be abolished.

The EMA is a weekly support payment of up to £30 for 16- to 18-year-old students from families with an income of under £30,810 a year.

It will close to new applicants from January and current recipients will not get it next academic year.

Mr Cameron said in Parliament:

"We face the biggest budget deficit of any country in the developed world.

"That is the prism through which such decisions must be seen.

"We are putting in place something that will be more targeted and more effective, but we must deal with the mess we were left."



### LEWISHAM Citizens Advice Bureau offers you advice about the National Minimum Wage

**M**Y 21-YEAR-OLD son has just started working as a waiter at a local cafe and I'm worried that he's not being paid a reasonable amount. How can I find out?

Your son should be paid at least £5.93 an hour under National Minimum Wage rules. As of October 1, that's the new adult rate. And the adult rate now starts when the worker is 21 instead of 22 years old. Also from October 1, an apprenticeship rate of £2.50 an hour was introduced that should help many others your son's age. This means that an apprentice who is under the age of 19 will be entitled to the new apprentice rate of the National Minimum Wage.

Over-19s in the first year of their apprenticeship will be entitled to the new apprentice rate of £2.50 per hour.

After that, they are entitled to the normal rate of minimum wage for their age.

From October 1, the rates are:

- £5.93 if you're 21 or over
- £4.92 if you're 18-20
- £3.64 if you're 16-17.

For more information and support visit [www.direct.gov.uk/payandworkrights](http://www.direct.gov.uk/payandworkrights) or call the Pay and Work Rights Helpline on 0800 917 2368.

Information on workplace rights can also be found on the Citizens Advice website [adviceguide.org.uk](http://adviceguide.org.uk), along with contact details for your nearest CAB.

