

Events Programme Spring 2026

The Friends of Highgate Library present

Thursday 9th April 2026

7.15 for 7.30pm

London's Health: the issues and challenges



Julie Billett Deputy Regional Director, Office for Health Improvement and Disparities

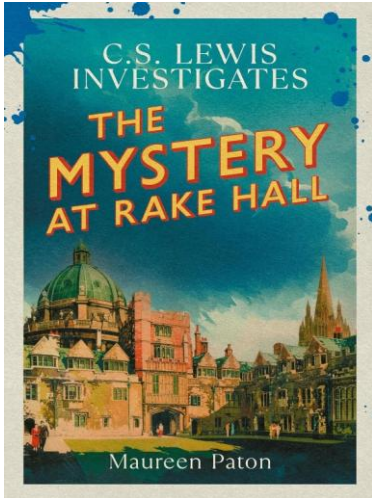
Reviews by Professor Michael Marmot in 2010 and 2020 highlight that health inequalities are driven by conditions in which people are born, live, and work, rather than just by healthcare access. Health is shaped by income, education, housing and working conditions. How can we improve people's health? Julie Billett will talk about her role and the challenges we face.

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Thursday 14th May 2026
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The Mystery at Rake Hall



Maureen Paton is a freelance journalist. She is the author of two works of non-fiction and was a committee member of the campaigning group *Women in Journalism*. This is her first novel. Paperback copies will be on sale.

In 1947, with rationing continuing and with the black market thriving, university don C.S. Lewis is pulled into a mystery straight from one of Dorothy Sayers' novels. Susan Temple, his brightest student, has hidden away at Rake Hall — a hostel for unmarried mothers — and hasn't been heard from since. Lewis is hardly a detective, but he teams up with Susan's friend Lucy and they delve into rumours of a nasty racket at Rake Hall.

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The Friends of Highgate Library present Thursday 18th June 2026

A Highgate Festival Event

Exhibition of Highgate Library energy efficiency work and showing of the film



Two artists set out to kickstart a people powered energy revolution. Directed by the duo, Power Station charts their turbulent journey, from pitching the idea to their neighbours, raising finance by sleeping on the roof and launching a bid for a Christmas number one. Powell and Edelstyn's film is a vibrant portrait of a neighbourhood and the art of the possible.

In 2024, our library building was extensively remodelled to make it energy efficient. An exhibition of before-and-after photos and a video will showcase this work alongside this inspirational film.

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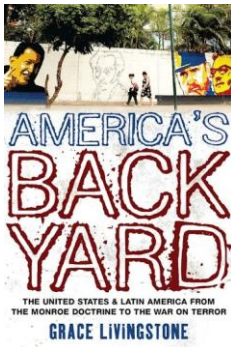
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Thursday 16th July 2026

7.15pm for 7.30pm

Venezuela, Cuba, Chile, Mexico

What is happening in Latin America?



Dr Grace Livingstone is an affiliated lecturer at Centre of Latin American Studies, University of Cambridge. Her research interests include US and British foreign policy towards Latin America, and the impact private corporations and social movements have on policy-making. She is the author of several books on Latin America, including 'America's Backyard' - a history of US interventions in Latin America'. She is also a journalist, specialising in Latin American affairs. Come and hear her expert opinion and ask her questions.

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