



LONGFIELD HALL

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◇ NEW COMMUNITIES ◇

After the Second World War demands for labour and a need for national reconstruction led to the arrival of workers from the West Indies into South London.



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Most of the new arrivals settled in central Brixton. A smaller number moved into cheap accommodation – Crawshay Road, Mostyn Road, Penford Street and Paulet Road on the fringes of Myatt's Field's yet within walking distance of King's College Hospital or Camberwell Bus Garage where many of them worked. A Methodist organisation offered newly arrived single black women accommodation at 39 Knatchbull Road.



Poster for Dark & Light Theatre production

In the 1960s and 1970s Longfield Hall provided space for the Dark and Light Theatre Club, one of Britain's first Black Theatre companies. From 1970 to 1978 it was also home to 'Kate's Playgroup' which offered childcare and support services to families in need from diverse backgrounds.



Newspaper clipping – Dark & Light Theatre c. 1973