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News for the Brixton, Loughborough & Herne Hill areas

B: Our Guest

Brixton has a new welcome sign on the railway bridge at Brixton Road, with the message B: Our Guest.



The striking sign is part of the wider project B: Electric, which aims to highlight the creativity of Brixton and to promote the town centre in a more positive light.

It was designed by local artist Jason Gibilaro, who ran workshops with eight different youth groups in the area. Each group designed an individual panel that contributed to the overall slogan while reflecting the local character of Brixton.

One of a hundred

Plans are now being developed for a major overhaul of Brixton's open spaces – Windrush Square, St Matthew's peace garden and Tate Gardens.

A design for a new Brixton Central Square combining the existing spaces will be chosen by the end of the year. More than 30 design companies have expressed an interest in the scheme so far.

The plans are backed by London Mayor Ken Livingstone, who has chosen Brixton as one of 10 pilots for his 100 Open Spaces initiative to improve outdoor London.

There will be extensive consultation on design options in the autumn. For more information contact the Brixton Town Centre office on 010 7926 1077

Football Rules OK

More than 70 young people from all over Brixton took part in a seven-a-side football competition at Jubilee Primary School during the Easter holidays. Teams from London & Quadrant Housing Trust's St. Matthew's and Tulse Hill estates took part.

As well as the football, the advantages of healthy eating were promoted to the youngsters, who took to the tasty fruit smoothies on offer.

Police Superintendent Andy Tarrant presented the medals and cups to the winners, Jubilee Primary School, and runners up Tulse Hill Adventure Playground's team. Andy said: "The day has been brilliant and I look forward to similar events in the future."

Lee Dema, governor of Jubilee primary school and referee for the day added: "The event was great and youngsters from all over Brixton took part."

Organisers paid tribute to Jan Horne, Head of Jubilee Primary, Rachael Ponchoo from Safer Estates and Karim Habibi of Fulham Football Club for their help in making the tournament a spectacular success.



Good health



Residents of St Matthew's Estate in Brixton were given tips on maintaining good health at an event organised by Presentation housing association in partnership with London & Quadrant Housing Trust (L&Q), Lambeth Council, Lambeth Primary Care Trust (PCT) and St Matthew's Tenants' and Residents' Association.

Residents took part in Tai Chi and smoothie-making demonstrations, reflexology and Indian head massages, aromatherapy and blood pressure checks and took away bags of fresh fruit and vegetables. The event marked the start of the health strategy on St Matthew's, which is part of the wider regeneration of the estate that Presentation and L&Q are managing.

Coldharbour factfile

The Coldharbour area centred on Coldharbour ward stretches from Brixton High Road across towards Herne Hill, bordered by Loughborough Road and Lilford Road to the north. Coldharbour Lane itself, running from Brixton through Loughborough Junction, is the "spine" of the area.

It's a mixed area of council estates and terraced housing, with a high proportion of deprived households and significant unemployment. The population of the area also exemplifies the cultural mix of Lambeth and Brixton, with some two thirds of residents coming from different minority communities.

Coldharbour has strong transport links, with Brixton Tube Station, Brixton Railway Station and Loughborough Junction Railway Station all in the area.

The Coldharbour Angell Working Group (CAWG) is part of the Brixton Area Forum, and covers Coldharbour Ward and the part of Herne Hill ward which was previously part of the old Angell ward.

Making a difference in Coldharbour

The area is one of the most deprived areas of London, but has a strong community spirit and is looking to the future. Tim Gaymer (former group chair, pictured above with Mary Kidd) reports.

The area suffers from lack of investment and poor community and statutory facilities, yet it has a vibrancy, embracing a multi-cultural community which gives it a heart. Residents have remarked that it is an area where neighbours speak to one another. Sadly in recent times that communication was often about negative aspects such as drug dealing and crime, yet over the last couple of years the community has risen above this and started to address many of these issues.

Investment is being made – new street trees, a new community police facility, which came out of a successful initiative with the community, Operation Loughborough, and regeneration of key sites such as the former Green Man pub to provide much needed new housing, as well as improvements to Max Roach Park.

Many of these improvements have been driven by the Group, which successfully consulted with the local community and set out its ideas in the Angell Action Plan.

Current programmes and projects include consultation on a new City Academy for Brixton, and ways to use creative and cultural industries as a driver for regeneration - particularly in the railway arches throughout the area where there are even plans for a horse riding club!

Future projects identified include a healthy living centre, projects around community safety and business development for the Loughborough Junction area.

Key issues here include improved access for all, ways to encourage the development of redundant or neglected property, and the need for an East London Line station at the junction. CAWG has already raised a 2,300-signature petition in support of a new station, and London Mayor Ken Livingstone has agreed to consider the proposals.

CAWG meets regularly and recently celebrated a successful year. Despite concerns regarding future funding, the working group with the support of the Town Centre Team is ready to face the challenge of making life better for those who live, work or use the area, and would welcome more members getting involved.



The next meeting of the Coldharbour Angell Working Group is on 16 June.
For more information please contact the Brixton Town Centre office on 020 7926 1077,
email brixton@lambeth.gov.uk

Well done to Maurice Charlesworth, Maude Estwick, Reverend Ivelaw Bowman and Rachel Heywood, area winners in the Mayor of Lambeth's Civic Awards 2004.

Local heroes

Maurice took the award for his work for older people in the borough. Maude's award recognises her contribution as chair of the Milkwood Residents' Association.

Ivelaw's award is for his work with Churches Together in Brixton, and on the Lambeth Community Police Consultative Group, and Rachel's for her work with the Brixton Area Forum crime group.

Boroughwide awards went to Derek Hoare, Chair of Lambeth Parks and Greenspace forum, and PC Jack Wilson, Central Lambeth Community Liaison Officer and Mayor's charity committee member.



NUBUKE (A New Dawn)

Contemporary Ghanaian and Togolese Art and Sculpture
10 June – 27 June 2004

The Bettie Morton Gallery in collaboration with Black Swan (curator) presents a new series of paintings and sculptures by nine prestigious and highly respected Ghanaian and Togolese contemporary artists; Kofi Setordji, Emmanuel Adiamah, Edinam Kudowor, Robert Aryeetey, Gabriel Eklou, Seth Clotley, Victor Butler,



Samuel Olou, and Liebe Adzodo. Some of these artists are exhibiting in the U.K for the first time but many have exhibited in Europe, USA, Japan, China, South Africa, Cote d'Ivoire and Nigeria.



The Bettie Morton Gallery,
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info@bettiemortongallery.co.uk
www.bettiemortongallery.co.uk

Open: Tuesday to Saturday
10.30am to 6.30pm,
Sundays 2pm to 5pm.

Brixton Area Committee - making decisions locally

The Brixton Area Committee is made up of the 15 local councillors representing Coldharbour, Ferndale, Brixton Hill, Herne Hill and Tulse Hill wards. It is chaired by Councillor Donatus Anyanwu, and meetings are open, giving you the chance to question the councillors and council officers about local issues. See you there!

Forthcoming meetings: 30 June, 22 September, 7.30pm. For up-to-date information call 020 7926 1077 or check www.lambeth.gov.uk

To find out about the work of the Brixton Town Centre Office and getting involved in local issues through the Brixton Area Forum and the Brixton Area Committee, contact the Area Information Officer, Jill Mansfield on 020 7926 1077 or brixton@lambeth.gov.uk.

Contacting your local councillors

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- **Donatus Anyanwu** (Lab)
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Surgery: First Tuesday of the month, 6-7pm, 136 Marston House, Angell Town Estate, SW9.
- **Sharon Erdman** (Lab)
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Surgery: Second Saturday of the month, 11am-12noon, Lambeth Town Hall, Brixton Hill, SW2 1RW (Acre Lane entrance).
- **Sharon Ward** (Lab)
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Surgery: Third Saturday of the month, 10:30-11:30am, Housing Office, Somerleyton Rd, SW9.

Ferndale

- **Imran Hussain** (Lab)
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Surgery: Every Tuesday, 6:30-7:30pm, Pulross Health Centre, 47a Pulross Rd, SW9 8AE.

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- **Nick Cattermole** (Lab)
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Surgeries: First Tuesday of the month, 6.30pm, Renton Close Community Centre; second Tuesday, 6pm, Brixton Town Hall; third Wednesday, 6pm, Roupell Park Community Flat; fourth Thursday, 6pm, Blenheim Gardens TMO office.

Herne Hill

- **Jim Dickson** (Lab)
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Surgeries: Third Friday of the month with Tessa Jowell MP, 11am-12.30pm, Brixton Advice Centre, 167 Railton Road; third Friday of the month, 6-7pm, St. Matthew's Church Lilford Road; last Saturday of the month, 2.30-3.30pm, Carnegie Library, Herne Hill Road.

Tulse Hill

- **Tom Franklin** (Lab)
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- **Jackie Meldrum** (Lab)
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- **Toren Smith** (Lab)
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Surgeries: First Friday of the month, 7-8pm, St Matthews Tenants Hall, St Matthews Estate, SW2; second Friday of the month, 7-8pm, St Martins Old Library, 220 Upper Tulse Hill, SW2; third Friday of the month, 6-7pm, 13 Purser House, near Jubilee School, Tulse Hill Estate, SW2.



Where does all the recycling go?

Lambeth's new improved recycling service is now operating across the borough. You can recycle all your cardboard and plastic bottles, along with all your paper, glass bottles and jars, cans, tins and empty aerosols, using the orange sacks and/or green box.

Rubbish for recycling is not sorted at the kerbside but goes into special recycling trucks. And if you've ever wondered what happens next, here's the answer:

The rubbish is taken to a recycling centre in Kent, where it's put into a huge rotating drum – a bit like a giant washing machine! Smaller, heavier items fall through the gaps, leaving mostly paper and card in the drum.

Everything then moves along a conveyor belt to a three-stream production line: one for paper, one for removing paper and card from other waste, and the third for separating cans, glass and plastic bottles.

Mechanical separators sort the waste even more using rollers and a shaking process to separate the materials by size, weight and shape. Magnets and magnetic fields pick out steel and aluminium cans. And there's some sorting by hand.

The sorted rubbish is made into a range of useful products. Glass is turned into sand, and paper and card into tissue paper, newsprint and other stationery and packaging.

Plastic bottles are made into a variety of products, from underground piping to fleece jackets! Cans and aerosols become new steel or aluminium products of all types.

For more information on recycling in Lambeth call 020 7926 9000, email recycling@lambeth.gov.uk or visit www.lambeth.gov.uk/recycling



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