

## June 2007 Monthly Bulletin

### Meetings

#### **Community Police Consultative Group for Lambeth**

6:30pm, Tuesday, 5 June 2007

St Anne's Hall  
Vauxhall Grove (off Harleyford Road)  
SW8 1TB

The agenda includes Lambeth Police update from Ch. Supt. Stewart Low, a presentation on Virtual Courts with Ch. Insp. Sean Wilson, and a presentation on Policing the Transport System by the British Transport Police's Supt. Ellie Bird.

Refreshments will be provided.

CPCG for Lambeth -Your Shout in local policing

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[www.lambethcpcg.org.uk](http://www.lambethcpcg.org.uk) for details of future events and information resources.

CPCG for Lambeth is funded by the Metropolitan Police Authority ([www.mpa.gov.uk](http://www.mpa.gov.uk))

#### **Brixton Society Annual General Meeting**

Thursday, 14 June 2007, 7:00 to 9:00 pm

All members welcome.

There will be drinks and light refreshments.

If you would like to propose any matter for discussion or for further information, please contact:

Alan Piper, Secretary of the Brixton Society

Email: [APiperBrix@aol.com](mailto:APiperBrix@aol.com)

#### **Brixton Business Forum - Annual General Meeting**

The Brixton Business Forum met on the 16<sup>th</sup> May for their Annual General meeting. Derrick Anderson, Lambeth Council Chief Executive was the keynote speaker and spoke about how the Council was now 'Open for Buisness' as well as other initiatives that had improved the area in and around Brixton. Despite this, there was still a lot to do and Mr Anderson committed to coming back in a year's time to report on progress that the Council had made in working with local businesses and encouraging local enterprise. The meeting endorsed the following people as the Forum's officers:

Devon Thomas – Chair

Stuart Hopton Jones – Vice chair

Philippe Castaing – Treasurer

Sharon Heslop – Secretary

If you would like to find out more about the work of the Business forum, you can contact the Town Centre office on 020 7926 1097 or email [brixton@lambeth.gov.uk](mailto:brixton@lambeth.gov.uk)

## News & Events

### **Brixton Climate Change Walk – Brixton to Brockwell Park**

Sunday 3 June 2pm approx 3hrs.

Meet outside Ritzy Cinema, on the corner of Coldharbour Lane

What might climate change look like in London and what can we do about it? Join the Walk through the blossoming green landscape of Brixton and see examples of people tackling climate change in London today.

Free of charge. For information and booking please contact: Christine Binnie on 020 7820 3166 or [christineb@sustainable-energy.org.uk](mailto:christineb@sustainable-energy.org.uk)

### **Brockwell Park Trees Celebration**

Sunday, 3 June 2007, meet at 2:00 pm

Meet at the Clock Tower in the centre of the Park for the dedication of newly planted trees. Organised by *Friends of Brockwell Park*.

### **Waterloo Carnival Launch at the London Aquarium**

Monday, 4th June 6pm - 8pm

The theme for this year's Waterloo Carnival is Under the Sea and this year's event will be bigger than ever! There will be over 250 local community members and school pupils involved in workshops and performances before the grand finale procession on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July.

Come and join the under the sea experience at the Carnival Launch at the London Aquarium on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June from 6pm to 8pm. The event will include a FREE tour of the Aquarium followed by drinks and food and presentations about this year's carnival and how you can get involved.

If you would like to attend please contact Sarah Cretch at the address below as soon as possible as places will be limited.

Sarah Cretch, WAEN Project Director  
Tel: 020 7202 6932  
Email: [Sarah.Cretch@southbanklondon.com](mailto:Sarah.Cretch@southbanklondon.com)  
[www.waterlooarts.org.uk](http://www.waterlooarts.org.uk)

### **Open Garden Squares Weekend**

Saturday, 9 June 2007, 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Many of London's private garden squares and other gardens will open their gates to welcome visitors over the weekend of Saturday, 9 June and Sunday, 10 June. Details are available from The London Parks & Gardens Trust website given below.

Here in Brixton, as part of the Open Garden Squares Weekend there will be a lively family event held in the Tate Library Gardens including:

Camera Obscura; Splott Brothers, street theatre; UK African Acrobats; Dr Bike - diagnostic bicycle maintenance - professional, insured and free; Stalls: Brixton Society, Transition Brixton, Brixton Business Forum, Whippersnappers, Lambeth Cycling Campaign; in Tate Library: face painting, displays of Open Squares information and photos of previous events in the gardens.

[www.opensquare.org/en/index.html](http://www.opensquare.org/en/index.html)

### **Brockwell Park Community Greenhouses Mid-Summer Feast**

Sunday 10 June, 1.30pm in front of Brockwell Hall.

An open air 3 course feast of local organic produce in front of Brockwell Hall to raise money for events in the Park, featuring fundraising auctions, poetry reading, kids activities.

Tickets for the 3 course meal priced according to income:

Up to £5k p.a = £6. 12k p.a. = £8. £12k - £25k p.a. = £14. £25k p.a. and up = £20 plus donation. Kids under 10 free. 10 - 18 half parents price.

You can buy tickets from Brixton Wholefood & Brockwell Hall Café,

Further info:

Email: [shane@gn.apc.org](mailto:shane@gn.apc.org) or [www.brockwellpark.com](http://www.brockwellpark.com)

### **Diversity Action Group Summer Event**

Saturday, 23 June, 1-4pm  
Windrush Square, SW2

The Tenants' and Residents' Diversity Action Group drop-in event will give you information on our current housing initiatives such as Choice Based Lettings and the proposed ALMO. There will be a drawing competition for children and a chance for them to explore a Fire Engine. There will also be some giveaways such as Energy Efficiency light bulbs provided by South East London Energy Efficiency Advice Centre.

For more information please contact Latoya Boyer, Resident Engagement Officer  
tel. 0207 926 3724

Email: [lboyer@lambeth.gov.uk](mailto:lboyer@lambeth.gov.uk)

### **The Brixton Society - Summer Events**

The Brixton Society are looking for extra help with their stall for a couple of hours on any of these dates:

#### **Open Garden Squares Weekend (See the item above)**

Saturday, 9 June 2007, 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm

#### **Windmill Festival**

Sunday, 8 July 2007, 1:30 to 6:30 pm

A fun day of events and activities in the grounds of the Brixton Windmill organised by *Friends of Windmill Gardens*.

### **Saturday 21 & Sunday 22 July – Lambeth Country Show**

11 am to 6-30 pm in Brockwell Park.

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Email: [APiperBrix@aol.com](mailto:APiperBrix@aol.com)  
[www.brixtonociety.org.uk](http://www.brixtonociety.org.uk)

### ***Brixton Splash* - Do You Want to be a Brixton VIP?**

5<sup>th</sup> August 2007 in the Heart of Brixton Town

Brixton Splash is a unique community-led event that will provide a day of music, pleasure and entertainment for all. The event showcases the vibrancy, energy and creativity of Brixton's people.

The organisers are looking for local people who are willing to act as stewards and ambassadors on the day. FREE TRAINING will be provided leading to a formal qualification in event stewarding.

You must be:

- Aged 18 or over
- Fit enough to work on your feet for up to 6 hours in the open
- Of good character and able to present a positive impression of Brixton's people to our visitors

Interested? Please contact:  
Employment Café  
64 Railton Road, SE24 0FL  
Tel. 0207 733 8878  
Email: [info@employment-cafe.co.uk](mailto:info@employment-cafe.co.uk)  
Web: [www.employment-cafe.co.uk](http://www.employment-cafe.co.uk)

### **Age Concern Lambeth - *Your Rights* Campaign**

Age Concern Lambeth's Your Rights Campaign continues, pledging to help more local residents than ever before claim the benefits they are entitled to. All local older people are urged to pop in for a benefits check at one of our surgeries located across the borough. The campaign will focus on the following benefits:

June–July, Carer's Benefit

August–September, Attendance Allowance & Disability Living Allowance

October–November, Pension Credit

December–January, Help with heating costs

February–March, Help with health costs

For more information contact:  
Blossom Kiffin, Information & Advice Manager

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336 Brixton Road, London, SW9 7AA  
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Email - b.kiffin@aclambeth.org.uk

## Community Safety & Safer Neighbourhoods

### New dispersal area to stop harassment in Brixton

Lambeth Council and Police have set up a “dispersal area” enabling police officers and Police Community Support Officers to disperse groups who are causing intimidation and committing anti-social behaviour, under new powers granted to police by Anti-Social Behaviour Legislation in 2003.

The dispersal area covers Windrush Square, Electric Lane, Rushcroft Road, Saltoun Road and a number of other neighbouring roads that experience high levels of anti-social behaviour, and where residents and passers-by regularly complain of intimidation, abuse and drug taking.

Cllr Mark Bennett, Cabinet Member for Community Safety, said:

*“People have a right to feel safe in their community, and it is unacceptable that anybody should feel threatened by groups of people hanging around, who are often under the influence of drink or drugs, and who threaten, harass and aggressively beg.*

*“We are using this Anti-Social Behaviour legislation to end intimidating behaviour from a handful of people who persistently harass passers-by, and reclaiming Brixton for the overwhelming majority who want to go freely about their business, feeling safe. Just as important, however, is the continuing outreach support the council and other partners are giving to help break the cycle of those affected by drug and alcohol dependency, by encouraging them to seek help.”*

The Police and the Council will carefully monitor the effectiveness of the dispersal area, and look to extend it if necessary.

## Education & Training

### Free Marketing and Web Training

Tuesday, 12 June, 10.15am-17.30pm

GLE One London are running a FREE event in Brixton on Tuesday 12 June aimed at small businesses that have been operating for at least 18 months.

This event is run through the London Development Agency's Business London: Start up and Micro Business Support programme. Come and listen to Antonia Chitty, author of “A Guide to Promoting your Business” who will give you practical tips to generate more business. Successful entrepreneur Derek Lall, will also be sharing his own experience on how to set up an effective website. You will have a unique chance to win a free website or upgrade your current site with £500 of support.

For more information about this event or if you would like to book a space, please contact 020 8678 5450 or [southcentral@gle.co.uk](mailto:southcentral@gle.co.uk)

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