

Forum Update, March 2016

Our next meeting:

Thursday 31 March

7 pm at the Vida Walsh
Centre, 2b Saltoun Road SW2
(entrance faces Windrush Square)
Light refreshments provided.

Key agenda items will be:

- **Brixton BID:** Michael Smith reports on recent progress and future plans for promoting and supporting local businesses.
- **Libraries:** after a fraught few months of plans, lobbying and counter-plans, a round-up of where things stand.
- **Lambeth Forum Network:** reporting back from a network away-day on prospects and plans for neighbourhood forums around Lambeth.
- **Information Exchange:** an opportunity for local groups to update us on current issues or announce coming events.

Quick Reminders for the coming weekend

St. Patrick's Day Shindig, Friday 18 March, 7 pm to late

Free live music across the site at
Pop Brixton, 49 Brixton Station
Road, SW9.

South London Cares Easter Party for over 60s, Saturday 19th,

11 am to 2 pm at the Vida Walsh
Centre, 2b Saltoun Road, SW2.
Contact Tess to reserve a place on 07
921 439 479.

Lambeth Music Festival events in Brixton, Saturday 19 March

1 pm to 2 pm, Kinetika Bloco at the
Black Cultural Archives, Windrush
Square, SW2.

3 pm to 4 pm, London Music Masters
at Pop Brixton (main square), Brixton
Station Road, SW9.

4-30 pm to 7 pm, Grooveschool DJs,
Pop Brixton (events space).

5-30 pm, Raw Material/ School
Ground Sounds, Pop Brixton (events
space).

More details at www.lambethmusic.co.uk

Pop Farm Launch Day, Sunday 20th, 11 am to 3 pm

Official opening of the new community
garden at Pop Brixton – take a tour,
help plant out the flower beds or join a
range of free gardening workshops.

Details from info@popbrixton.org

Brixton Windmill opens for Easter weekend

Friends of Windmill Gardens start their
programme of events for 2016 over
the Easter weekend, Saturday 26 and
Sunday 27 March.

On **Saturday 26**, there is a Treasure
Hunt taking in 50 places around
Brixton. Teams of up to 5 people are
invited to enter (£5 per adult, £3 for
under 18s, under 11s free) and you will
need a camera (or camera-phone) and
a local map.

On **Sunday 27** from 2 pm, there is an
Easter Egg Hunt around the mill for
children under 11, cost £1 per child,
with Easter crafts and activities also
provided.

There will also be a guided walk
around Brixton Hill on Sunday, setting
out from the Windmill at 1 pm, cost £5
(concessions £3, children free).

Tours of the mill are already fully
booked for that weekend but for later
dates see www.brixtonwindmill.org

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Windmill Parade & Festival

To mark Brixton Windmill's 200th birthday, the annual parade and festival will be on **Sunday 26 June**, from 1 pm to 5 pm. Would your group like to run a stall? Charges have been held at £25 for stalls that sell things and £10 for those that give out information. To book a space, contact Sandra at s.m.watts@btinternet.com
Friends of Windmill Gardens

Streetscape Planting Day

Wednesday 30 March, 1 to 4 pm
Van Gogh Walk, Hackford Road, SW9. Streetscape is a Brixton-based charity which helps young people out of unemployment through landscape gardening apprenticeships. They have teamed up with Streets Ahead to mark the birthday of former resident Vincent Van Gogh by hosting a planting day. If you or your group would like to get involved, contact Cam at Streetscape on (020) 3542 3464 or info@streetscape.org.uk

Community Day, Saturday 2nd April, Windrush Square

Friends of Windrush Square are organising a community event, with extra activities in Brixton Tate Library adjacent. Plans are evolving but we will try to say more once confirmed. Meanwhile, if your group wants to get involved, contact annick.alet@gmail.com

New Town Hall Access

Hoardings now surround Town Hall Parade and Hambrook House on Brixton Hill, as demolition gets underway. Pedestrian and cycle access to Acre Lane via Porden Road has remained open for now, but is likely to be closed off from Easter, together with Buckner Road, as work steps up.

Markets News

The repaving of Electric Avenue was delayed, awaiting supplies of new paving slabs, but is now underway again, with completion expected in July. The upgrading is partly paid for by the Mayor's High Street Fund. This part of the market is still run by the Council, whilst the themed Saturday markets in Brixton Station Road are run by the Brixton Market Traders Federation.

Ways to Wellbeing

Wellness: We aim to follow up the discussion at our January meeting with a presentation from Cllr. Jackie Dyer who is Vice-chair of the Mental Health Task Force for England.

Healthwatch Lambeth

Here are contact details, following the presentation at our January meeting: Tel. (020) 7274 8522 or e-mail to info@healthwatchlambeth.org.uk or see www.healthwatchlambeth.org.uk

Lambeth and Southwark Public Health prepares a monthly digest of news and events, which is well worth checking for specialist grants, training offers and consultations on health & social care. The March issue is out soon - see <https://lambethwellbeing.wordpress.com/2016> and follow the links.

Carers Hub Lambeth

Based at 336 Brixton Road, SW9, or phone (020) 7346 6800. You can download their Spring newsletter at <http://carershubs.org.uk/news/>

One of the Hub partners, South Thames Crossroads, will be changing its name to **Help for Carers** as from 31 March. New web address will be www.helpforcarers.org.uk

Caring for Older People, a Thinking Space special talk and discussion on

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Wednesday 27 April, from 10-45 am to 12-45 pm at 336 Brixton Road, SW9. Booking or details from Janet at jcampbell@taviport.nhs.uk or phone her on 07 792 386 773.

Events and activities at the Vida Walsh Centre
Organised by Age UK Lambeth:

There are currently daytime activities on each weekday between 10 am and 4 pm, with lunch available for £4 on Tuesdays and Fridays.

To book, contact Tina at the Centre on (020) 7326 1780.

Remember Vauxhall View?

In the 1990s, Lambeth Council was in need of a major shake-up and a key player in the process was the Vauxhall View. It was a monthly magazine which first appeared in 1993 and ran for 33 issues until 1998. During that time it was very influential, soon extending its coverage to Brixton issues. It encouraged an interest in planning issues and in local history. The publisher and editor was Steve Morse, who ran the magazine on a shoestring budget from his flat, with the help of a small unpaid team. 9th January was the 10th anniversary of his death and a memorial event is being planned for later this year.

Were you a reader? Did you know Steve? Max Boucher at Community Support would like to hear from you – e-mail to communitysupport@email.com or phone (020) 7582 8248.

Support for Groups

We are seeking a fresh injection of resources to continue our work through the year ahead. Meanwhile, we will share any information that comes our way about grants, training or other support that may be useful to groups or small enterprises within our catchment area.

Training too? If you have any particular training needs, tell us in case it's worth our organising something locally.

Charityfair is two days of briefings and workshops for small charities and community groups.

It will be on **Tuesday 24 &**

Wednesday 25 May at Resource for London, 356 Holloway Road, N7.

The sessions start at £35 each, or £165 for a whole day, organised by the Directory of Social Change – see also www.charityfair.org.uk

Lambeth Young Voices

An opportunity for aspiring young writers to showcase their work. As part of the Lambeth Readers and Writers Festival, Sixteenfeet Productions are staging an evening of new work created by under 18s living in Lambeth. Winning writers will see their work staged by a professional cast of up to 4 people. Submissions will be required by **18 April**.

Enquiries to info@sixteenfeet.co.uk

Share your news

Are you planning an event in the next few months? Do you want more people to join in your group's work?

Send us your news and we will try to include it in these e-mail bulletins.

We regret being unable to circulate a bulletin during February as intended, due to a combination of technical problems and illness.

How to contact us

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Announcements for our next issue or any changes to your contact details should be sent to:

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Web: <http://brixtonforum.btck.co.uk>