Forum Update,
May 2016

A reminder of our meeting on:

Thursday 26 May
7 pm at the Vida Walsh Centre, 2b Saltoun Road SW2
(entrance faces Windrush Square)
Light refreshments provided.

Likely agenda items will be:

- **Brixton BID**: Michael Smith reports on recent progress and future plans for promoting and supporting local businesses.
- **Brixton Design Trail**: Plans are being made for local events to promote creative enterprises based in Brixton, as part of the London Design Festival from 17 to 25 September.
- **Regeneration**: more news of some of the local projects.
- **Information Exchange**: an opportunity for local groups to update us on current issues or announce coming events.

The following Forum meeting will be on **Thursday 28 July**, again at 7 pm at the Vida Walsh Centre. This is planned to be the Annual General Meeting, with reports and accounts from the past year, and election of the executive committee.

Ways to Wellbeing
Lambeth and Southwark Public Health prepares a monthly digest with news of specialist grants, training offers and consultations on health & social care: see [https://lambethwellbeing.wordpress.com/2016](https://lambethwellbeing.wordpress.com/2016) and follow the links. The latest edition includes the Youth Health Champion campaign and follow-ups to May’s Mental Health Month.

Funding Community Activities in Brixton

**Tuesday 7th June**, 6 pm at Brixton East, Barrington Road SW9
A panel discussion on the future of community activities in Brixton and beyond, plus the final stages of awarding grants from the Brixton Fund, and an opportunity for local groups to network. Convened by the Brixton Pound: for more info see [www.brixtonpound.org/fund](http://www.brixtonpound.org/fund) or reserve places at [www.brixtonfund.eventbrite.com](http://www.brixtonfund.eventbrite.com)

Bringing our Communities Together – next 2 events

**Diversity on the Green part 3**: Saturday 28, Sunday 29 & Monday 30 May from 12 noon to 7 pm each day, Rush Common, Brixton Hill SW2. Celebrating the festival season and local heroes, music, film, food, natural therapies – opportunities for free community stalls, contact Andrea Brown on 07 944 102 112, [bringingourcommunitiestogether@gmail.com](mailto:bringingourcommunitiestogether@gmail.com)

*In association with Its Your Local Market CIC, 243 Milkwood Road, SE24 0JE.*

**Celebrating the Music Festival**, Saturday 18 June, details awaited...
A collaboration of entertainment, music, dancers and costume to create a multi-cultural carnival sensation in Central Brixton: if you want to get involved, come to a presentation at the Impact Hub in Pop Brixton, Brixton Station Road SW9 on **Monday 6th June**. RSVP to Andrea Brown as above.

New Town Hall underway
Now that demolition of Town Hall Parade has begun, the developers will be hosting meetings with surrounding residents groups every 2 months to pick up any issues that arise during building work. Several sites are involved beside the Town Hall itself,
including Hambrook House on Brixton Hill and Iver House on Acre Lane. Work to replace Olive Morris House will follow on once the new Civic Offices are ready. Enquiries to Charlotte Wills on 0344 225 0003 or e-mail charlotte.wills@glhearn.com

Support for Carers
Carers Hub Lambeth are hosting a Carers Forum on Thursday 9th June, 10 am to 3 pm at The Foundry, 17 Oval Way, SE11 5RR.
This is a free event, providing information on services and support available in Lambeth, with refreshments. Carers of all ages welcome but please book by e-mail to connect@carershub.org.uk or phone the Carers Hub on (020) 7501 8970.

Health & Wellbeing Forum
The next meeting of the Health & Wellbeing Voluntary and Community Sector Forum will be on Thursday 16 June from 10 am to 12:30 pm at Lambeth College, 45 Clapham Common Southside, SW4 9BL.
Enquiries to Valerie Dinsmore (Children, Adults and Health services) at (020) 7926 4682 or v.dinsmore@lambeth.gov.uk

Open Project Nights
Impact Hub Brixton is opening its doors every Monday night for you to meet, network, trade skills and find collaborators for your community projects, new enterprises and brainstorming sessions for a better Lambeth. It’s open to everyone and completely free!

When? Every Monday, 6-30 to 10-30 pm (except bank holidays).
Where? Impact Hub at Pop Brixton, 49 Brixton Station Road, SW9 8PQ.
Food? Bring your dinner or food to share – at 7-30 you are invited to stop work and join us to eat.
Who’s behind it? Open Project Night is a joint project of Impact Hub Brixton, Transition Town Brixton, Lambeth Co-operative Centre and more.

Support for Local Sports
Lambeth’s Community Sports Team are hosting an evening for groups active in sport or physical activities within the borough. This will be on Tuesday 14 June, 6 pm to 8-30 pm at 336 Brixton Road, SW9.
Details will be available of funding opportunities and other support. Information also available on job opportunities in this field, and an upcoming series of capacity-building workshops to run through the next 12 months. To register, or find out more, e-mail sports@lambeth.gov.uk or phone the Team on (020) 7926 0396.

New Film records the African-Caribbean experience in Britain
“Keep Calm” is an independent full-length socio-historical documentary. The movie comprehensively explores race relations and immigration through the chronicles of the African-Caribbean community in the United Kingdom. It’s a revealing story about a dramatic multi-generational mobilization to change and shape modern Britain. It covers ground back from the colonisation of Jamaica up to the issues that the community is confronted with in the present day.
The cast includes Devon Thomas, Dr Lez Henry, George “Fowokan” Kelly, Dr Les Black and others. There’s also an important parallel emphasis on personal experience via the stories of 4 members of 3 generations of the Baileys – Gloria, Charles, Grace and Bianca.

We are still in post-production and are launching a crowd-funding campaign this month to help finalise the production to an international standard. We will donate most funds exceeding our target to the Black Cultural Archives and Mind.
We hope you will enjoy our teaser video and can leave us some feedback via e-
mail, or on Twitter @KeepCalmDocu or on Facebook: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=juuxV4fh5ng&hd=1
Please find more information on www.keepcalm.film

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...and films at the Mill
Brixton Windmill is hosting an open air film show on the evening of Saturday 4th June: doors open 8 pm with the show starting at 9 pm. The big picture is the popular musical Moulin Rouge, starring Nicole Kidman and Ewan McGregor. The programme also includes a short film about Brixton Windmill, produced for its bicentenary with financial support from the Forum. Admission is free but space is limited so it will be first come, first served. More info at www.brixtonwindmill.org.uk

Libraries feel pressure
Brixton Tate Library has seen a surge in demand since closure of the Minet and Carnegie libraries. Study space in particular is crowded. 24-hour security is in place at both closed libraries, pending GLL setting up their proposed gyms. The Guardian reports that this is costing £2212 a day, compared with £874 a day to keep both libraries open! No planning applications have been seen yet.

At Minet Library, Lambeth Archives are once again open as normal, though a study has finally started on investigating alternative sites. Meanwhile the Friends of Minet Library are continuing fortnightly gardening sessions on new raised beds laid out in front of the building – the next are on Saturdays 28 May and 11 June, 2 pm to 4 pm.

Councillor Jack Hopkins recently took on responsibility for libraries and parks, in addition to his previous Cabinet role for jobs and growth. Cllr Jane Edbrooke has been moved sideways to Children and Education.

Pop Brixton is 1!
Pop Brixton is marking its first year of operation with a 4-day extravaganza of festivities, over 2 – 5 June:

Thursday 2nd: Pop Feast birthday supperclub with all our food vendors;
Friday 3rd: Prohibition-themed birthday ball;
Saturday 4th: Birthday party with our biggest-ever music line-up;
Sunday 5th: Shop til you pop market, with all our traders and everything they create.
More details at www.popbrixton.org

Defining our Area
You may have picked up our flyer at the last meeting about defining the area covered by the Neighbourhood Forum. Since then we have been busy with other matters including seeking fresh funding for this year’s activities, but we are about to e-mail all our contacts to canvass views on what streets and estates we should cover.

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.

How to contact us
Announcements for our next issue (late June) or any changes to your contact details should be sent to: Alan Piper, Forum Secretary, (020) 7207 0347 or at apierbrix@aol.com

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