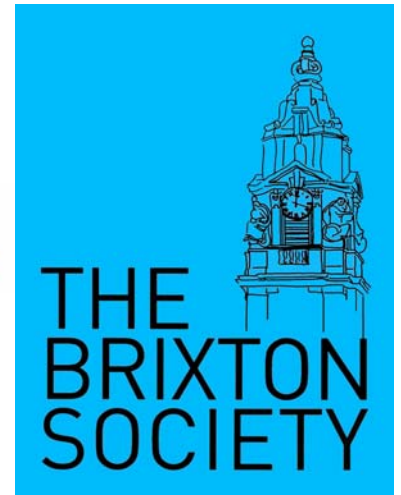


NEWSLETTER No. 206 COLOUR SUPPLEMENT

Open Garden
Squares Weekend



Brixton Communities on Windrush
Square: Saturday 9 June 2012



In what has been the wettest summer on record, we have to be thankful that it did not rain on our event. However, the high winds not only made difficulties for exhibitors but also limited the amount of time most people cared to pause to talk. Nevertheless, the intrepid band of local groups who joined us on the square that Saturday reported that it had been worthwhile.



The Brixton Market Traders' Federation displayed large-scale maps of the centre of Brixton on their traditional market barrow while their marketing team conducted surveys, "which have given us some great insights into shopper habits in the town centre." Stuart Horwood, Chair, BMTF

*The Norwood & Brixton Foodbank provides emergency food and support to local people in crisis. The Brixton end is run from St. Paul's Church in Ferndale Road.
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Our St John's Ambulance volunteers.

FULL LIST OF EXHIBITORS:

- Black Cultural Archives
- Brixton Green
- Brixton Market Traders' Federation
- Brixton Pound
- Brixton Society
- Friends of Windmill Gardens
- London Borough of Lambeth Roadshow –
"Making your money go further"
- Norwood & Brixton Foodbank



Borough of Lambeth Roadshow –“Making your money go further”

“We found the event useful and managed to engage around 50 residents on the welfare reform /financial inclusion agenda.” -

Paul Morris, Communications Manager



Brad Carroll, Director, Brixton Green Ltd, explains their objectives to shoppers. He gave us this comment later:

“We had a very successful event with over 50 new members. We shared our gazebo with Brixton Pound and sold our first Brixton Green shares with the purchasers using Brixton Pound mobile payments.”



The Brixton Pound table with other exhibitors behind.

We are extremely grateful to The Peter Minet Trust for a grant which met the expenses of staging this event.

Our thanks also go to: Annick Alet for all the photographs; all the volunteers who helped on the Brixton Society stall; all the other exhibitors for supporting our event; all the members of the public who engaged with us on this blustery day; Ben Quarrell of the Lambeth Events Team for the efficient handling of our application; and, last but certainly not least, the gentlemen of the St John’s Ambulance in attendance whose services, happily, were not used.

The Brixton Society



The Friends of Windmill Gardens (left) whose volunteers, wrapped against the wind, set a new sartorial standard by matching their gazebo. “We enjoyed playing a part in something that contributes to what Brixton has to offer the community.” - Jean Kerrigan, Chair, FoWG