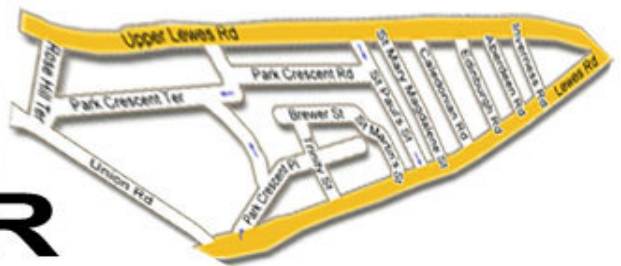


The Triangle Community NEWSLETTER



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Lunching on the Level



On Sunday 19th July, the day dawned bright and blustery for our Triangle 'Big Lunch'. After Dominic the Park Ranger's heroic efforts to keep the gazebos attached to the ground, Triangle residents and friends gathered on the Level with lovely food, drinks, chairs and space hoppers, to enjoy a sociable lunch together.

There was a delicious array of dishes (many thanks to Co-op and the Turkish Food Supermarket for donations), and lots of new faces. We all ate in close proximity due to the occasional downpours, but hey, we're British! We aren't put off by a little rain and wind! Space hopper races followed after lunch, as well as attempts at playing 'bat and trap', a ball game a bit like cricket that was historically played on the Level. We all enjoyed the day and are hoping to do it again next year, even bigger and better.

Heritage Open Days & Local History Group

The Triangle's Local History Group will be taking part for the first time in Heritage Open Days – a national event concentrated over the weekend of 12-13 September, for which Brighton is the 2009 host city. www.heritageopendays.org

Lewes Road Triangle Exhibition

A free exhibition of historic photographs, maps, paintings and engravings showing the development of Park Crescent and the Lewes Road Triangle area from the 1860s to the 1970s. *The Bugle Pub, 10-13 September, open all day during pub licensing hours.*

Research Your Street

We plan to find out more about the original residents of the houses in our streets, and the jobs they undertook. We'll have leaflets explaining how to research your own home or street in the Triangle (including free expert-led study sessions at the Brighton History Centre). Once you get started the possibilities are endless, and it takes four people less than a week to research a whole street from the mid-19th century to the 1970s!

Get involved with the September event, join a research team, or come along to our next monthly Local History Group meeting – Monday 7 Sept, 7pm at The Bugle Pub or contact Mary-Lou: 677141

For information about Brighton & Hove Open Door events: <http://rth.org.uk/opendoor09>

★ Visit our website

In case you didn't know, we do have a website. Keep up-to-date with what is going on in the Triangle area. To visit go to

www.triangle-community.org.uk

You can contact us by email: contact@triangle-community.org.uk



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8.30am to 4am

You must be choking...

Many Triangle residents have noticed the increasing volume of traffic rumbling along Lewes Road, and the Argus recently reported that our area is one of the worst 'pollution hotspots' in Brighton, with planning applications for new homes here being opposed because traffic-related air pollution is so high that it would be dangerous for occupants to open their windows.



High air pollution concentrations are bad for everyone's health. Brighton and Hove City Council acknowledges this, and monitors air quality on a daily basis. But many of us, while realising that this is a challenging problem to tackle, believe more action is needed. Something can and must be done.

www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/index.cfm?request=b1000293

Several local residents have formed the Lewes Road for Clean Air group to measure the number of vehicles using Lewes Road as a route in and out of the city, and to identify ways of cutting traffic volume, e.g. by proposing sites for park and ride schemes, encouraging greater use of public transport, and developing better facilities for cyclists. Next survey dates are 8 Sept, 11 Sept, 16 Oct & 20 Oct – come and help car-count for an hour. Email the group at **info@lewesroadcleanair.org.uk**, or check out the Facebook group:

www.facebook.com/search/?q=lewes+road+for+clean+air&init=quick

September 20 is Brighton & Hove's Car Free Day, when the Clean Air group will host its very own Streets For People Party – a day of markets and music, as well as air quality awareness-raising, across the Community Garden and Edinburgh Road.

www.journeyon.co.uk/events_97.asp



Major Tom - our community ginger tomcat - will soon have his own **Facebook page** where you can enjoy his cat's eye view of life on the streets of the Triangle...



Car Free Day - Streets for People: Sun 20 September 12 to 5pm

Streets for People is a free event to celebrate Car Free Day in Brighton & Hove. The Lanes, New Road, Jubilee Street and Jubilee Square will be transformed into pedestrian friendly spaces with live music, performances and activities for everyone to enjoy. We're creating a unique 'forest' in the Lanes and encouraging people to walk, cycle and get the bus to this annual free event.



Graham's Gigs: Live music in our neck of the woods

Tommy Reilly, 7 June '09, Freebutt, 1 Phoenix Place

The autumn TV schedule will bring talent contests like X Factor, Come Dancing and the lesser-known Orange Unsigned Act (T4 on Channel 4). Like X Factor, the early entries on Orange are as talent-less and deluded as they are exploited and patronised by the TV producers. The more accomplished surface whilst others are eliminated in tears, their narcissistic dreams shattered with those long silences whilst the envelope is opened.



Gimme a constipation remedy... Tommy Reilly live

Tommy Reilly was an early entry, initially dismissed – but wait! 'Maybe we were wrong,' say the judges, 'bring him back.' He is the archetypal underdog; with his deadpan humour and charm combined with unprepossessing looks you root for him to win – and he does. Despite the TV hullabaloo and media hype, five months have passed since he won the prize of 'being signed', and now he's on tour. The Freebutt plays host to an odd audience tonight; not the usual twenty-something Brighton 'musos', but a teenage-girl following. That's the power of telly, eh!

He is clearly talented as he plays guitar and piano with his lovelorn lyrics, and has some – but few – cracking songs. He's acquired a tight band who broaden out his lone singer-songwriter appeal, but this can't disguise that his strong Glaswegian accent sometimes grates, and his songs are at times one-dimensional.

It's a tough old world is the music business; it seems you win a national competition riding a wave of publicity, then end up hardly filling the Freebutt. Despite his limitations, he deserves better.

By Graham Walton

Download Gimme A Call:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=4zCpPqF4BnU

Tommy Reilly is back at the 'Butt on 21 October '09

Fancy reviewing an event for the Triangle newsletter? Get scribbling and get in touch!

Expand your circle – be Triangular!

The Triangle Community has been running since 2006, and has already done lots to improve the area's appearance, empower residents to discuss and take action on local issues, and increase overall community spirit in our neighbourhood.

But we urgently need YOU to get involved! Joining our committee is a rewarding way to actively influence the future of this area, and a great way to meet new friends and expand your social circle.

Don't feel you have to commit hours of your time, or attend every single meeting and event. Whatever help you can offer – from sending out emails to watering plants, from dreaming up fundraisers to delivering leaflets – your input is invaluable.

If you'd like to get more involved with the Triangle Community, or make a monetary donation to help us stay afloat, email contact@triangle-community.org.uk.

Come along to our next committee meeting: Thu 10 Sept, 7.30pm, Salvation Army Hall

Safe and Happy in the Triangle

Since the last column I've been contacted by Triangle residents concerned at damage caused to properties around the Brewer Street area, and am looking at possible interventions to address this.

I've also been working to support the Friends of the Level to re-launch, and hope that once the group becomes more active they will be a community focus for the redevelopment of the Level, and its improvement as a safe community space. More information can be found at www.friendsofthelevel.info, and Triangle residents are welcome and invited to get involved. Because of continued concerns around crime and safety, Sussex Police have upped their presence in this space.
Simon Bannister, Environment Improvement Officer

Crime and Safety A-Z (Part 3)

G – Graffiti

Defacing someone's property without consent is a criminal act, and the council and police work together to identify and prosecute perpetrators. The council has a dedicated graffiti team which will remove offensive graffiti, and will work across key routes and locations to remove other graffiti, working in partnership with residents and neighbourhood groups.

Whilst the council cannot remove all graffiti from everywhere, it will work with and advise private landowners where graffiti removal falls outside of its scope. The graffiti team also work with artists to create murals in some locations which help to reduce the occurrence of unsightly 'tagging', with several striking examples of this work in the North Laine, and one piece locally in the passageway behind HSS Hire on Lewes Road.

This column has been put together by the City Council and your Neighbourhood Policing Team. In it we hope to focus on some of the services provided by the council and police which help to keep you safe, and to answer questions which you may have about crime reduction and public safety in your area.

If you have any questions about public and community safety or crime reduction services delivered by the council or police in your area, please email:

Simon Bannister, Brighton & Hove City Council Environment Improvement Team: simon.bannister@brighton-hove.gov.uk
PCSO Rob Simmonette: rob.simmonette@sussex.pnn.police.uk We will try our best to provide an answer and to include featured items in future newsletters.

Next Planting Day



Our beautiful flower tubs (installed in March) have really helped cheer up the area. Please continue to give them extra water if they're looking thirsty, and report any vandalism to the police.

Come and help plant spring bulbs next month; bring along any gardening tools and know-how you have, as well as any suitable spare bulbs – daffodils, narcissi, snowdrops, crocuses, tulips, hyacinths, irises etc.

Meet Sunday 11 October, 12pm, bottom of Edinburgh Road (Lewes Road end).