

The Triangle Community Newsletter

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Come to the Transport Public Meeting on 1st November

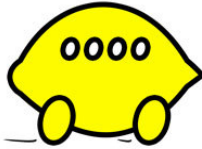
Are you concerned about transport issues in the Triangle area?

- Do you wish more people would use public transport?
- Are there enough places to lock up your bike?
- Are you fed up with the constant roadworks on Lewes Road?
- Do you wish there were parking controls in our streets?

If your answer is YES to any of these questions, or you have other concerns about traffic in the area, then please come along to a **Public Meeting at 8.00pm on 1 November in the Salvation Army Hall on Union Road**. Council officers and local councillors will be there to respond to your questions and concerns.

Eco-friendly Big Lemon

The Big Lemon is a new bus service, launched September 2007 to provide good quality, environmentally friendly public transport in Brighton and Hove. It is the brainchild of Tom Druitt who started his company with one service from Brighton Station to Falmer Station. The company hopes to expand on in the future to develop a network of services throughout Brighton and Hove and beyond, across Sussex. The aim is to provide a viable alternative to the car and reduce our impact on the environment.



What makes the Big Lemon different?

★ They are local - profits are reinvested locally.

★ It is cheap – only £1 for a single fare, £2 for a day ticket

★ It is environmentally friendly. Buses run on 100% used cooking oil from a supplier in Sussex and its office uses 100% renewable energy

★ During the day it runs limited stop express services so people can get around quicker.

★ Only cheerful happy people are allowed to join their team.

Pick up a leaflet from the Yellow Bus for a full timetable. Look out for the Big Lemon bright yellow bus along Lewes Road – you cannot miss it!

Hop on it for a totally new experience and make a small contribution to reduce your impact on climate change.

Website: www.thebiglemon.com

★ Visit Your website

If you didn't know but you 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



Lewes Road Playgroup

It's a sad day for Lewes Road Playgroup which closes its doors after 37 years. It was founded in 1969 by Mrs B. Sayers and Mrs O. Hussey as an outreach for the United Reform Church. After many months of fund-raising for equipment, it opened in Sep 1969, with between 25 & 30 children. The church moved to a brand new building further up Lewes Rd by the Saunders Park Estate.

The front facade of the old church still remains, and has now been converted into flats for the YMEA. There will be a service for the playgroup at the United Reform Church in November.

 **recycle**
The possibilities are endless.

For more information on how you can contribute visit the Brighton and Hove Council website:
www.brighton-hove.gov.uk

Scores on the Doors

Have you heard about this scheme to measure the food hygiene standards of food businesses in Brighton and Hove?



All restaurants, takeaways and pubs will eventually be awarded scores for the level of food hygiene achieved on inspection.

Full details are available on the council website, where you can check out some of your favourite cafés or takeaways to see if they are handling food safely. You can search for all the premises on Lewes Road which have received a score so far – the results are interesting!

<http://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/index.cfm?request=c1171814>

Let us know what you think of this scheme.



Transition Towns

Growing concern about climate change and the potential reduction in availability of oil within the next 20 to 30 years has led to the development of the Transition Towns movement. The campaign is led by Rob Hopkins, an advocate of permaculture, an ecological design system that inspires and

empowers us to create our own solutions to local and global problems. Towns, villages and cities that sign up to become Transition Towns seek ways of encouraging residents and businesses to reduce their energy consumption and to explore ways of becoming more self-sufficient. There is a belief that by re-learning old skills, such as knitting and sewing, growing local food, and baking bread, people will be able to cope with any dramatic changes in energy supply and the impact of climate change on our lives. However, it is not just about baking bread – it involves thinking much more broadly about cutting consumption, and becoming a driving force for reducing carbon emissions.

Brighton and Hove has now become part of this movement, along with Lewes, Forest Row, Totnes in Devon, and many other places throughout the UK, including Brixton in South London.

If you would like to know more about this network, see the new website for details of meetings and activities in which you can get involved.

www.transitionbrightonandhove.org.uk

Local History Group

In a previous newsletter we asked if there were any residents in the Triangle who have a story to tell about growing up here and these were kindly sent to the Local History Group by a couple who have lived in the area since 1971.

So our thanks to Sue and Charlie Knight who sent us the following...

"On the corner of Park Crescent Road was a bakery where my Grandma used to take a joint of meat to be baked in their oven on a Sunday.

Kyle's Grocer shop was on one the corner of St Paul's and Stone's Butcher's shop was on the other. Half way on the right hand side was a Shoe Repairer's.

Half way along Park Crescent Road No. 60 used to be a Sweet shop where I live now. Mum and her sisters used to go there and buy their penny of sweets.

There was a General Store on the other end of Park Crescent Road which closed not long after we moved here.

The garages in Park Crescent Place were used by Camping's Coaches and Radio Brighton.

A bomb was dropped in Park crescent and the houses were rebuilt in the late 1970's early 1980's. The gardens in Park Crescent used to be Sussex Cricket Club.

In St. Paul's Street there was a Coal Merchants which was at the bottom, just behind the Indian Take-Away.

Do you have memories of life in the streets of our area? Contact us via our website. Not on email just drop your stories in to David Maslen Estate Agents 39 Lewes Rd – mark it Triangle History Group and we will collect them.

Next Local History Group meeting: Tuesday 4 Dec 7.30pm in the Bugle.

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