

Paul Reynolds (1948 – 2009)

Paul Reynolds, who represented the Herne Hill Society on CPCG and was a CPCG Board member between 2006 and 2008, sadly died at home on 27 September. Several CPCG members, together with others from the many community organisations with which Paul was actively involved, joined his family and friends for his Funeral Requiem Mass at Corpus Christi Church on Monday 5 October.

Paul's diverse contributions to local life were acknowledged by contributions at the Mass from Giles Gibson (Chair, Herne Hill Society), Tessa Jowell MP, Valerie Shawcross AM and Cllr Rachel Heywood (LBL).

Paul will be remembered not only for his tireless diligence and eagle eye but also for his characteristic humour and unmistakable laugh. He will be missed by many in Lambeth.

Future Meetings**20 October 6:00 pm**

Theme:

Venue: Stockwell Community Resource Centre,
Studley Road, Stockwell SW4

Annual General Meeting

3 November

Theme

Venue: Karibu Education Centre,
7 Gresham Road, Brixton SW2Sexual Violence Against
Women**1 December 6:00 pm**

Theme:

Venue: Stockwell Community Resource Centre,
Studley Road SW4

TBC

AGM – Nominations

A reminder that Nominations Papers for elections to our Board need to be returned to CPCG office by **1.00 p.m. on Monday, 12 October 2009**, in order that Ballot Papers can be produced to be sent out with other AGM papers.

There are 3 places falling vacant for Board members representing Individual Members and 2 places for Board members representing Community and Voluntary affiliated groups.

Please Note: If members are concerned that Nomination Papers may be delayed in the post then they can either email or telephone CPCG office to affirm the names of Nominees, Proposers and Seconders, which can be verified once the signed hard copies have arrived at CPCG office. Apologies for this and the delay in receiving papers in the post due to the current disruption to the postal service.

New Members

At its meeting on 22 September, the Board approved applications for individual membership from: Tia Henry-Lindo a Lambeth resident with a longstanding interest in community and police relations; Julia Wolton, Regional Development Manager at Brathay Trust who leads on 2XL Programme, successor to the successful and award winning Xit Programme aimed at supporting young people to leave or avoid gang related criminality; and Zoe Fonteyn, a Senior Youth Worker at Brathay Trust, which operates in Lambeth.

Black History Month

October is Black History Month. A brochure of events can be found online at <http://tiny.cc/ArHIE> or by visiting Lambeth Council's website www.lambeth.gov.uk

Consultation: Policing London Business Plan

This year's public consultation to inform the **Policing London** Business Plan has now started. The questionnaire is available online at www.mpa.gov.uk/publications/policingplans

Respondents can also request a paper copy (in a variety of font sizes) or a telephone questionnaire by calling 020 7202 0063 or 020 7202 0173 (minicom) and leaving their name and contact details. The consultation closes on **30th November 2009**. The Metropolitan Police Authority want to have as broad a range of respondents and therefore wants the views of as many people as possible.

GLA Young Londoners' Survey

In September, GLA published its Young Londoners' Survey 2009. A similar survey was undertaken in 2004 and therefore allows for a comparison of the views of young Londoners between the ages of 11 and 16 years old from those who responded five years ago. Pages 27 to 34 deal with question concerning how safe this age group feels in certain settings. A copy of the report can be found <http://tiny.cc/7oLot>

Springforward Spectacular

The highlight of this year's Springforward Festival, the **Springforward Spectacular**, is a celebration of feeling good and wellbeing. It's a free creative afternoon, packed with performances and workshops for local people and takes place at the Lambeth Academy on **Saturday, 14 November 2009**.

You are invited to attend and enjoy.... or even take part! We're especially looking for participation from Lambeth groups organising creative activities that help tackle poor mental health and social exclusion.

Find out more on www.springforwardartstrail.com or from Patricia Sauer on 07790 479099.

North Lambeth Expo

The Expo takes place at the Waterloo Action Centre in Bayliss Road on Saturday 10 October, 12 noon - 4pm.

It is supported by L&Q, one of the area's leading housing associations – there will be an art competition in local schools entitled 'People and Places'. The winning school will receive a £500 prize donated by L&Q.

The event is supported by the London Eye who have donated tickets for a trip on the eye as raffle prizes and The London Duck have offered two amphibious vehicles to take 60 lucky people on the river trip - at no charge.

If any CPCG members, particularly those who are members of North Lambeth Safer Neighbourhood Panels who want to promote their panels, would like to join CPCG at the event, please contact the office.

Community Engagement Project

The latest update on the Community Engagement Project, which aims to devise a comprehensive community engagement strategy for the Safer Lambeth Partnership, Catriona Robertson has created a Facebook group and a twitter for the Project which you are very welcome to join/contribute to. Please invite any of your friends in Lambeth who may be interested. It's another way in which people can have their say on safety, policing, crime - and also find out about CPCG meetings, events, etc.

Facebook group: you need to have a Facebook page yourself and after that join "Lambeth Have Your Shout!" group (search under "Groups"). www.facebook.com

Twitter: find the page at <http://twitter.com/lambethcpcg> - you need to register your mobile phone number to be able to "follow" tweets.

As part of the Project, Catriona had a stall at the Clapham and Stockwell Festival and People's Expo where she was supported by Board members. All the people who stopped to *Have Their Shout* got a chance to meet real CPCG folk and talk over the issues that concerned them. Video vox pops made on the day can be found on Facebook.

Environment and Community Safety Scrutiny Subcommittee (ECSSS)

The draft minutes of the 7 September ECSSS meeting (which was flagged in the September briefing) are now available at: <http://tinyurl.com/yee3obd>

In particular, in response to the presentations from LBL CEO Derek Anderson and MPS Borough Commander Nick Ephgrave regarding progress with the Safer Lambeth Partnership Plan, the following comments were made:

- In order to identify if Lambeth crime rates had decreased, an examination over a 5 year trend needed to be made. However, on a yearly basis, crime in Lambeth has reduced.
- The Borough Commander confirmed his intention to ascertain the finishing times of town centre police at Brixton Station and liaise with the relevant Inspector to identify

how the drugs situation in Brixton could be improved. Further, it was noted that the council, in agreement with the police, intended to fund 22 PCSOs to support the Safer Neighbourhood Team to patrol various areas and provide a visible responsive resource to tackle this issue.

- The Designated Public Places Order's powers would only be used if Ward Panels identified any issues in their ward.
- CCTV was very effective in high crime areas and good pictures could lead to prosecution. However CCTV was not suitable in all areas.
- Regarding the drug system change pilot, the council intended to use the resources already available to ensure better outcomes that would have a knock-on effect of offending in the borough.

Councillor Mark Bennett, the Cabinet Member for Safer Communities addressed the sub-committee by reiterating Councillor Heather's points. He confirmed his intention to revisit the issue of increased drug dealing in Brixton but explained the difficulties in the legal system of securing a conviction.

Centre for Crime and Justice Studies Bulletin September 2009

For those are interested in up-to-date articles on crime and justice, below are a couple of links to the Centre for Crime and Justice Studies website.

Cut to the chase

Young people's involvement in 'gun' or 'knife crime'. The executive summary of 'Young People, Knives and Guns' summarises, in just four pages, the rigorous and independent international evidence from 1998 to 2008 about what may, or may not, work. You can read it here <http://www.crimeandjustice.org.uk/gunandknifecrimeexecutivesummary.html>

Is penal reform working?

Strategies for penal reform are placed under critical scrutiny in the September issue.. Highlights from the themed section include an exploration of the failings of the reform movement by J M Moore, University of the West of England, with the case for a more radical approach to penal reform made by Julia Sudbury, co-founder of 'Critical Resistance'. More on this issue can be found here. <http://www.crimeandjustice.org.uk/cimpr77.html>

Further articles can be found at <http://www.crimeandjustice.org.uk/September2009>

Partner exploitation and violence in teenage intimate relationships

'This landmark report from the University of Bristol and the NSPCC looks at the issue of partner violence in teenage intimate relationships. It is the first UK research on teenage partner violence – spanning England, Scotland and Wales – providing a detailed picture of the incidence and impact of this form of violence on the lives of young people. Although a body of evidence exists on adult experiences of domestic violence, very little is known about partner exploitation and violence in teenagers' own intimate relationships and encounters in the UK. Research from the US has highlighted the high level of violence in young people's intimate relationships. However, how these findings apply to the UK context has been unknown. This research, funded by the Big Lottery Fund and the NSPCC, sought to bridge this gap in understanding.'

Barter, C., McCarry, M., Berridge, D. and Evans, K.
Partner exploitation and violence in teenage intimate relationships

A copy of the full report can be found at <http://tiny.cc/K5FWn>

Age Concern: Vacancy for a Chair

Age Concern are looking for someone to continue the voluntary work of their current Chair whose tenure has come to an end.

For an information pack call Robert Harvey on 020 7346 6803 or admin@aclambeth.org.uk. More information be found at www.ageconcernlambeth.org.uk or for an informal discussion contact the **Julia Shelley, Chief Executive** on **020 7346 6800** or j.shelley@aclambeth.org.uk. **Closing Date: 19th October 2009**

Jobs at Lambeth Voluntary Action Council

Lambeth Voluntary Action Council (LVAC) is the umbrella body for the voluntary and community sector in Lambeth. We have a growing membership of voluntary and community organisations and provide a wide range of services aimed at developing, supporting and empowering the sector. We are looking for energetic and committed individuals to join our existing staff team, please click on the following links for further information:

<http://jobs.guardian.co.uk/job/907644/volunteer-support-officer/>

<http://jobs.guardian.co.uk/job/907645/capacity-building-officer-small-groups/>

<http://jobs.guardian.co.uk/job/907646/capacity-building-officer-monitoring-and-evaluation/>

<http://jobs.guardian.co.uk/job/907647/capacity-building-officer-quality-assurance/>

<http://jobs.guardian.co.uk/job/907643/compactpolicy-development-officer/>

Closing date is 5.00 p.m. on Friday 9 October 2009

Swine Flu

Mindful of the expected resurgence of Swine Flu over the coming months, and to do our bit to help reduce the spread of the virus, CPCG would ask you not to attend our public meetings if you have flu symptoms.

Meetings and events attended during July/August 2009

5 October	Anna Tapsell attended a Gold Group meeting in relation to the death in custody of Sean Rigg.
29 September	Jim Toohill attended the meeting of Southwark CPCG where cross-border issues were discussed.
28 September	Anna Tapsell and Jane Warwick attended a meeting of the Mental Health and Community Safety Working Group at Hambrook House.

26 September	Catriona Robertson, Jim Toohill, Gill Kenealy, Doye Akinlade and Ben McKendrick attended Stockwell Festival at Larkhall Park, Stockwell
20 September	Paul Andell chaired a meeting at the Urban Green Festival on Brockwell Park with a panel of speakers; Jenny Jones MPA, Neil Anderson TSG and Maurice from Climate Camp.
17 September	Anna Tapsell attended a LCP2 meeting with the MPS Commission, Sir John Stevenson at New Scotland Yard.
16 September	Anna Tapsell met with the Borough Commander, Ch. Supt. Nick Ephgrave.

Join our Group... Have Your Shout

If you wish to become a member of CPCG, either as an individual or representing an organisation or group in the Community and Voluntary sector, please contact CPCG (see contact details below) and we will send you a Membership Pack.

Important contacts

Non emergencies, advice or comments

Tel: 0300 123 1212

**In confidence (anonymously) with information about a crime
Crimestoppers**

Tel: 0800 555 111

Emergencies, if a crime is happening now or there is immediate danger Tel: 999

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