

Notes of a meeting held on the 26<sup>th</sup> January 2012 at the Royal British Legion HQ to plan and coordinate the celebrations for the arrival of the Olympic Torch and the Diamond Jubilee

Present Liz Hitchins (Brixton Parish Council) , Debbie White (Brixton Parish Council), Gay Murch (Brixton Parish Council), David & Brenda Youngs, Jackie Lowe (Friends of Brixton School FOBS ) , Ellie & Melissa Landricombe, Colin George, Ian Sherriff, Annie Kay, Hilary Pearn, Becky Drewett (Brixton St. Marys School) , Wendy Knott, Mark Jeffery ( Brixton St. Marys School Governors) , Pam Davis, Joy James, Bev Venn, Glynnis Jeffery, Helen Budge, Sharon Martin and Pat Lowe (The Fox Hound ).

Apologies

Julie Eccles

Debbie White welcomed everyone to the meeting. Liz Hitchins explained that the purpose was to plan and coordinate the celebrations in Brixton for the arrival of the Olympic Torch (May 20<sup>th</sup>) and the Diamond Jubilee (first weekend in June). Debbie White fed back from meetings she had attended at South Hams District Council in connection with both events.

1. Arrival of Olympic Torch on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2012

As it is anticipated that the Torch will be run through Brixton Village on the morning of the 20<sup>th</sup> May it was agreed that the celebration would be from 8.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon. The celebrations will include:

- Church Bells ringing from about 9.00 a.m. Pam Davis to check availability of bell ringers at this time
- Piper - Ellie Landricombe will follow up
- Breakfasts e.g. bacon baps etc will be available from the Church and The Foxhound.
- Becky Drewett, Head of Teaching and Learning at St. Marys School agreed to look at having games at the school for the children following the run
- Logo - St Marys School will look at producing a logo for both the Olympic Relay and the Diamond Jubilee
- Flags & Bunting - agreed that lots of bunting was required for both events. Jackie Lowe and Hilary Pearn to draw up a template for the FOBS, the school and Brixton Craft Group to use to make bunting and to advertise in the Parish Magazine for any help towards making bunting. Ellie Landricombe agreed to coordinate the making of the bunting to ensure that there is enough. Brenda and David Youngs offered to walk the distance to assess the route for tying bunting across the main road and assess the length of bunting required.
- Banners - Vista Print need 28 days notice Jackie Lowe to follow up cost
- Car Parking – Ellie Landricombe to approach Mrs Scott, Liz Hitchins to approach Michael Wills, the School Becky Drewett will confirm and Hilary Pearn will approach Otter Nurseries.
- Advertising – an article to go in Brixton Magazine up dating and asking for help. Debbie White and Gay Murch
- Publicity - Ian Sherriff has links with the media for local publicity for the event

2. Celebrations for the Diamond Jubilee 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> June 2012

A provisional programme of events emerged

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June

St. Marys School plan to have a Street Party at the School for the community at lunch time with a picnic and entertainment in the afternoon

Beer Festival starts at The Foxhound.

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

'Messy Church' including lunch 10.30 - 12.30 at St. Marys Church

Proposed exhibition of memorabilia of Royal Family, items which are 60 years old and no longer used; Beer Festival at The Fox Hound

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June

Church Service combining community service with service of Thanksgiving

Big Lunch

Beer Festival at the Fox Hound

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June

Street Party in Old Road and Feoffee Park - safety and security of small children discussed and agreed that Old Road should be sealed off with child proof barrier and entrance to the street with access through the Church/

Feoffee Park. (Historically some previous Jubilees have been celebrated in the Park). The Use of the Park to be discussed with the Feoffee Trust. Food – everyone brings a plate. Entertainment – Bouncy Castle, Music - Colin George to follow up, Fancy Dress etc. Liz Hitchins to book school in case of rain. Feoffee Trust to be asked to provide transport when required.

#### Other

Need to know what plans Venn Court Residents have for the weekend  
Residents to be encouraged to decorate their own houses for the Diamond Jubilee weekend.

#### 3. Permanent Memorial for the Jubilee in the Parish

- Renovation of Victorian lamp post – being discussed by Brixton Parish Council and the Feoffee Trust
- Other ideas :
- Commemorative mugs to all children and young people under 16 living in the Parish
- Marker stones c.f. Elburton at the entrances of the village along the A379
- New tree planning i.e. along the main road
- Completion of Brixton Play Trail
- Beacon from the Church Tower agreed too dangerous – Brenda Youngs agreed to look at the possibility of a laser
- Permanent fixtures in village e.g. additional community notice board , trough in corner opposite Fish & Chip Shop

All these ideas need further consideration at the next meeting

**Date of next meeting Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March at 7.30 p.m. at the Royal British Legion HQ, Tuscany's – EVERYONE WELCOME**

#### **Other ideas since the meeting**

##### **Olympic Torch**

Commemorative medals for children of the Olympic Torch  
Commemorative plaque of the Olympic Torch on wall in village

##### **Diamond Jubilee**

Location for exhibition Church or Royal British Legion Room  
Photographs of Brixton at the time of the Coronation and at the Silver & Diamond Jubilees  
If laser not a possibility have coloured floodlighting on the Church