

FoWG's activities – October 2020 – April 2021



Milling flour

- Our volunteer millers milled right through the winter.
- We continued to donate flour to 2 local food banks.

Looking after the park

- Our volunteer gardeners planted up the new terraced garden.
- They helped create a new orchard area in the park – planting 7 young fruit trees.





Windmill Open Days

- Following the 4 successful open afternoons during the Lambeth Heritage Festival we opened for one weekend in October.
- But increased social distancing meant we were unable to open in November.

Windmill Winter Market

- We did manage to hold a Winter Market on December 13th – the only event organised in Windmill Gardens during 2020.
- Local children were able to visit a socially distanced Santa in his magical windmill grotto.



Blenheim Gardens RMO



Fundraising

- Our fundraising group spent much of the late autumn, winter and early spring making funding applications for grants to help us through the lockdown period.
- This was necessary as lockdown restrictions meant we were unable to trade.

Online shop launched

- In December 2020 we launched our online shop – just in time for Christmas.
- In March we added a new t-shirt design to the wide range of goods on offer.



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Activities at Brixton Windmill Centre



Covid test centre at BWC

- In January Lambeth Council rented the centre for a Covid-19 Lateral flow test site.
- Local residents or those working in Lambeth could book a free test each week helping to track and control the spread of the virus.
- The rent paid to FoWG helped us financially as lock down severely impacted our trading income.



New windmill activity pack



- Our PA worked with Chris to re-design the resource pack for 4-7yrs.
- We improved the original pack adding new activities based on feedback.
- 2,000 packs were printed and then collated by volunteers.
- We distributed packs to all Windmill Cluster Schools Yr1 / 2, local food banks, the BGRMO (for children on the local estate) and at the CEFLyncx Easter Camp.
- Further distribution including to Roupell Park estate families to follow.
- This project was funded by a generous City Bridge grant.





Recipe Cards

- We also produced 6 recipe cards and a flour facts sheet on wipeable gloss laminated card.
- All cards designed by Chris
- Recipes – using BW Flour – were all created by volunteers.
- 2,500 cards have been printed.
- Distribution will be to food banks together with Brixton Windmill flour.
- This project is also funded by the City Bridge Trust .



Brixton Windmill virtual tour



Chocolate Films have edited the first draft of the full length tour and the final edit and adding the voice-over is currently underway.



Collaboration with CEFLyncx

Easter training scheme for 14-16year olds participating in CEFL's holiday play scheme.

We delivered daily Multimedia Workshops working with local company Photofusion

Areas explored: Photography – polaroid images, silhouettes, black and white images, portraits and collage. As well as Podcasts and Video Editing.

All activities were centred around the theme of friendships and building healthy relationships.





CEFLyncx Easter Holiday Workshops

Examples of how the young people manipulated the photographs they took



The programme presented several challenges but the outcomes were impressive and the young people enjoyed the workshops. Mags, our PA, is to be congratulated on managing a successful project



April 2021 – the Friends slowly re-open our activities

Gardening workshops are back

On the first Saturday of every month our green-fingered volunteers meet to make regular improvements to Windmill Gardens. In April they planted a bed of heritage wheat and 6 hop plants. These will grow to cover the fence behind the windmill.



Pop-up café opens

On April 3rd the pop-up café opened on Saturdays 11am- 2pm.

From 19th it has opened on weekdays between 2-4pm.



Tai chi re-starts!

On Saturday April 10th tai chi returned to Windmill Gardens.

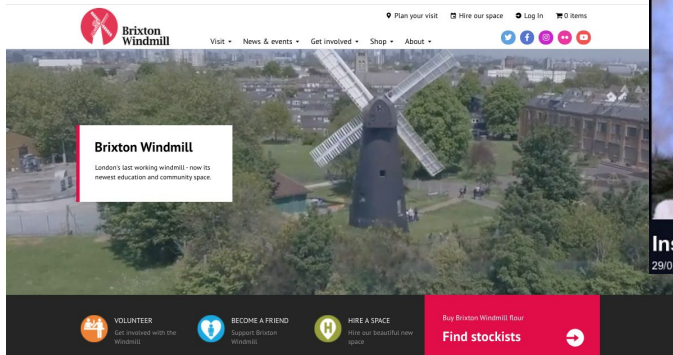
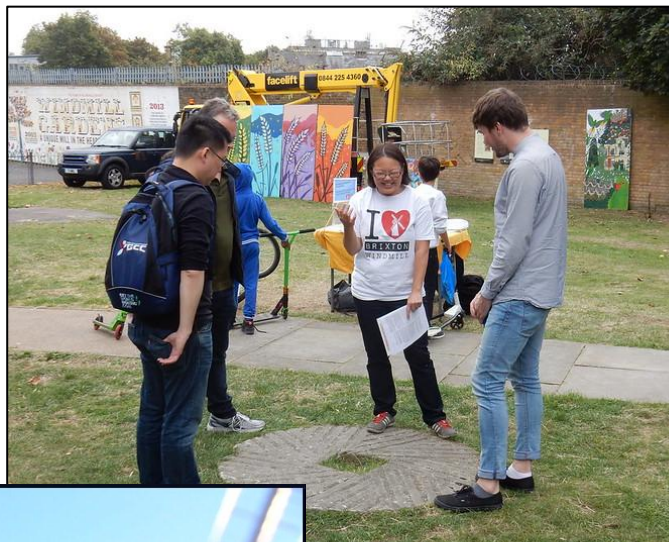
The 1-hour sessions begin at 11.30am weather permitting.



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