

It's our Birthday – we are 20 years old!

The North Laine Traders Association would like to thank all our members both past and present for supporting us and enabling us to maximise the business potential of North Laine. Many who were here in 1989 will remember that we formed our association when the council produced tourist maps of Brighton that had “Map of Brighton” blocking out most of North Laine.

We began as a group of disgruntled traders who met after work in the Nelson or Eagle and eventually formed an association when Geoff Ellis and Peter Stocker decided to do something more than grumble. Support grew and with encouragement from the Community Association we soon had over 30% of North Laine shops as members. Over the years various Chairs such as Tony Mernagh and Andrew Bird have arranged discounts on merchant services and organised a rent register which still continues. We also tackle local issues and run the widely acclaimed North Laine website with Brian Pedley. The 100% North Laine bags proved to be a hit and we are now working with the council to promote North Laine and the “Buy Local” campaign.

Officers of the committee sit on many city centre boards and working groups. We are now providing information for other traders groups across the country to support their members. Join us and help us support our local traders!

NLTA Chair, Sharon Thomas said “ In times such as these there is even more need for a traders association to support and encourage business in North Laine. As new businesses open and start to trade we can use our expertise and local knowledge to help them grow. Here's to the next 20 years”!

North Laine Traders 2009 A.G.M.

**At the NELSON in Trafalgar Street
on Tuesday 24th March at 6.10 pm.**

Members are welcome to join us to elect officers and decide on North Laine Traders matters. We will also have refreshments and a popular guest speaker – Geoff Mead.

Contact peterthepotter@tiscali.co.uk to book your place.

This edition of the North Laine Traders news has been generously sponsored by **Southern Water**. If you have any questions or problems during the current work in North Road you can contact John Bailey, Clancy Docwra directly on 07884473988 or Jon Westwater, Southern Water 07785531484



News in brief....

PJ Aldred is organising this year’s Brighton and Hove Council Achievement Awards on 4th April and is asking for donations for the 80 award winners “goody bags”. The NLTA and Dirty Harrys are sponsoring the shoulder bags. Please help!

Geoff Mead will be our guest speaker at the AGM on 24th March. The talk for members at 6pm at the Nelson in Trafalgar St. will be about the changes seen in North Laine since the war.

COMMITTEE

Chair

Sharon Thomas, Off Beat Coffee, 37 Sydney Street, Tel; 604206

Coordinator

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Treasurer

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David Hall, Marks and Co. 100 Church Street. Tel: 685965

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Patricia Hawker, Cocovino 32 North Road, Tel 604317

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Offers please

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Offers please

Sydney Street

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Trafalgar Street

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C/O; David Hall,

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