

HCA Annual Report 2008



This report covers the year from April 2007 to March 2008. The trustees forming the management committee were Steve Chapman (Chair), Pam Chapman (Treasurer), Jan Davies (co-opted to represent community centre users), Alan Hughes, Chas Hunt, Alexia Lazou, and Jill Peters. Our Centre staff were Eve Turner-Lee and Mary Reynolds, who left at the end of January to become self-employed. Fi Peek was our Community Events Organiser until October. The post was created to coincide with the period Brighton & Hove City Council provided a discretionary grant to help with our running costs. We wish Mary and Fi all the best in their new careers, and thank them for their commitment and hard work during their time with HCA

The Community Centre continued to provide a vital resource to Hanover residents, hosting a varied programme of classes, courses and activities. It also remains a popular venue for local children's parties.

As usual we were a venue in the **Hanover Art Trail** during the May festival, providing exhibition space for local artists. We also hosted a Christmas **Arts and Crafts Fair** to showcase unique hand-made items and encourage residents to "buy local."

Our **Bicycle Store** is a great benefit for 12 people who can't accommodate their bicycle in their home, but the waiting list for spaces proves the need for much more secure bicycle storage in Hanover.

Hanover's "Doctor Who" Day

Until this year Hanover Community Association was looking after the organisation and finances of Hanover Day, but this year we handed over to a new organisation - the Hanover Day Association – who are committed to Hanover Days that are "by the community, for the community". HCA remains a lead partner and is proud of the incredible success the Hanover Day Association pulled off last summer.

Hanover Day this year was another one to remember - for the sunshine, the music, the food, the fun and the Dalek. Special thanks go to everyone at the Church of the Annunciation in Washington Street, particularly Dale Who, for persuading Cybermen, a Dalek, K9 and even the time-travelling Tardis to join us. Local resident Neil Harvey did a great job sprucing up the Tardis for its starring role in the Church.

Thanks also to Danny and crew at Harmony in the Community for producing a safe and relaxed day for the rest of us. Danny also organised "Hanoverfest" on the eve of Hanover Day at the Hanover Centre that helped raise funds for the day itself.

"Hilly Laine to Hanover"

Brighton Books Publishing launched the second edition of "Hilly Laine to Hanover – a Brighton Neighbourhood" at the Hanover Centre on Saturday 1st December 2007. The book covers a geographic area from Carlton Hill to Elm Grove and Queens Park Road to the Lewes Road. It includes the history of Hanover from its earliest beginnings to the modern day. Many of the people interviewed were born and lived in Hanover all their lives and their stories are told in their own words. A whole generation is recorded here describing their memories of a very different place than the one it is today.

On 29th March 2008 The Church of the Annunciation and HCA rounded off the year with a musical treat when we jointly organised a recital by two members of the London Philharmonic Orchestra in the church.

Thanks – Many people helped during the year through sponsorship, volunteering or giving their professional skills. Our supporters include:

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