

Queen Square Fair 2011

On Saturday 2nd July 2011, Queen Square once again was festooned with bunting and wired for sound for the 37th annual Queen Square Fair. Following the official opening by the Mayor of Camden at 12 noon, an eclectic programme of music, ballet and gymnastics displays, a Family Workshop, and a variety of stalls offering tempting wares such as hot and cold food, face painting, jewellery, greetings cards, bric-a-brac and toys, all ensured that hundreds of visitors enjoyed an afternoon of family friendly entertainment. Even the weather was kind, with soft sunshine and a gentle breeze. Please see below a selection of snapshots of the afternoon.

The 38th Queen Square Fair is already in the diary for Saturday 7th July 2012 – we hope to see you there!

Queen Square Fair 2010

The Queen Square Fair on Saturday July 3rd broke with its 35 year tradition of inviting Camden's Mayor to open the festivities. Instead, they asked Brian Woodrow, until May this year one of Holborn and Covent Garden's three councillors, to do the honours.

Before declaring the Fair open, Brian was presented with a commemorative plate as a token of local appreciation for all his long service, both as a councillor for 20 years and for many years before that, to the local Holborn community. The plate was presented to Brian by Audrey Gandy, herself a long-standing local activist, and designed and made by artist Josie Firmin from Cosmo China. It depicts many local organisations and activities with which Brian has been associated over the years, and gives a hint of his political orientation with a prominent depiction of a 'Turn Left' traffic sign. At the bottom, 'For the benefit of the Publick' is taken from the memorial to the original Mr Lamb who created his Conduit, which is built into the wall of Rokeby House in Lamb's Conduit Street where Brian lives. On the back is the old Holborn Borough crest, and a message saying 'For Brian with great appreciation for all your work for the community of Holborn and beyond'.

The Fair as always was a great success, with lots of activities for people of all ages, a wide variety of stalls, wonderful weather and great music. And Camden's Mayor did come, after the opening ceremony, to meet the many people who had worked to make this a real community event.

Queen Square Fair 2009

[Click here for a five minute YouTube video of participants in the 2009 Queen Square Fair made by film maker Flavia Fontes from New York](#)

On Saturday 4th July 2009 the sun shone on the 35th Queen Square Fair. The Mayor opened the fair at 12 noon, and for the next five hours there was the opportunity to buy gifts and bric-a-brac, eat well on curry, cakes and ice cream, play games on the green and listen to a variety of live music. Visitors could also have a look at the Mary Ward Centre Sculpture studio and see a display of some of the pieces made by the students. Those with a bit of energy had the opportunity to join in line dancing and Greek dancing, and there were displays of ballet and gymnastics in St George's Church. A good time was had by all!