

# nhmba newsletter jun 09

notting hill mas bands assoc.



## VISIT OUR WEBSITE

[www.nhmba.com](http://www.nhmba.com)

Tell us what you think.

We are updating every quarter at the moment, so still send in your comments and we will try and ensure it is added.

What about your mas band events?? Send us the information and we will put it online for you.

## TO ALL MEMBERS

**A reminder from our Dear Lawrence Bannis.....(Arawak Mas Band).**

### I saw Nottinghill Carnival

*I saw Nottinghill Carnival for the very first time, the year 1966  
Yes I was there a 12year old boy from the isle of Dominica.*

*I saw children as young as four, making sailor outfits in Shanty Town,  
Our local adventure was we swung and climb under Mrs Lazlott's eye.*

*I saw the first riot, yes I was there, dressed all in white selling cans of coke  
Which became missiles for the crowd to throw at the fellows in blue?*

*I saw SPG with NF on their shields,  
shouting and banging and yelling  
"Nigger, nigger, out, out, out.*

*I saw Ebony beating steelpans, yes I was there with the crowds jumping gyrating singing, "no don't stop de carnival, you'll never find a better way"  
As the rain poured down.*

*I saw the sounds with their big speaker boxes, booming the song that became an anthem to me from the riots that past yes I hear Jnr Murvin sing "police & thieves".*

*I saw the politics in our midst, trying to pull our carnival apart but still we sung our*

*song "no don't stop de carnival" and we remained strong.*

*I saw years of colour glitter and beautiful girls with their handsome beau's  
Bringing up the rear, all singing loud and clear "no don't stop de carnival"*

*I've seen 40years pass I know carnival won't stop so lets it make strong so in years to come our children's children can sing, "No don't stop de carnival"*

## NHMBA REQUEST

ALL BANDS ARE REMINDED THAT YOUR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORM FOR THE GRAND CARNIVAL COSTUME SPLASH IS TO BE RETURNED BY JUNE 8<sup>TH</sup> 12NOON.

THANKS IN ADVANCE

## ECCA UPDATE

The Current Chair of ECCA for the next six months is CMA led by Lyndon Lacrete and the Secretariat is now BASS led by Ricky Belgrave.

## LNHCL UPDATE

The letters have been sent out regarding payment of fees to LNHCL for 2009.

However, your executive is currently seeking clarification on this document as it was not worded correctly and we do not think members should pay a fee without receiving their conditions of participation. Members need to know what they are paying and signing up to especially under the current circumstances.

The letter stated:

**'After we have received your registration fee we will communicate again about the conditions of participation and your pass entitlement'.**

**Until you receive further notice, if you have not already sent it in, please do not send in any fees until we receive communication from LNHCL.**

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**\*IF YOU WANT TO BE WELL INFORMED ON CURRENT EVENTS SURROUNDING CARNIVAL, NHMBA WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH THE MOST UP TO DATE INFORMATION AVAILABLE.\***

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Or post to NHMBA Newsletter, 026  
Westbourne Studios, PDT, 242 Acklam  
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## YOUR EVENTS & NEWS...

Future newsletters will include news and views from members - do submit short listings (20--30 words) for your events and if you've got a strong view, write it up and send it to [info@nhmba.com](mailto:info@nhmba.com). The best contributions will be edited where necessary & published.

## ...AND WHAT FEATURES DO YOU WANT?

To make this newsletter reflect what Members want to read, you are encouraged to say what you think should be in it other than the strategic news of the moment. Articles on training & skills, artistic issues, new techniques....you name it, even better you write it and it will be published. speak up at meetings, &/or forward your contributions to [info@nhmba.com](mailto:info@nhmba.com).

## Importants Dates to Remember

- *NHMBA Splash Launch* -  
*July 2009*
- *NHMBA Splash* -  
*August 2009*
- *London Notting Hill Carnival* -  
*August 2009*

## Notice Board

### Wanted!

Stall Holders for GCC Splash 2009

**Venue:** Alexander Palace

**Date:** Saturday 22nd August 3-10pm -  
Kings and Queens Pre-Carnival Costume  
Show

& Sunday 23rd August 12-7pm –  
Children's Pre Carnival Costume show

Not for Profit Organisations Rate: £75

Community Rate £125

Corporate Rate: £200

Interested parties should email Jenni at the  
NHMBA on [jenni@nhmba.com](mailto:jenni@nhmba.com) or call  
0785 222 4078

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## NHMBA Dinner Dance Photos

Check out the following:

[www.nhmba.com](http://www.nhmba.com)

[www.flickr.com/photos/14269171@N04/](http://www.flickr.com/photos/14269171@N04/)

[www.imagepartner.co.uk](http://www.imagepartner.co.uk).



# On The Road To Carnival Youth Seminar

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2009, 10.30 –  
2.30pm  
160 High Rd, London N15 4NU.

The event is the first forum calling young people to give their views about the management and organization of carnival as an art form, business and cultural heritage. Notting Hill Mas Bands Association is one of the five disciplines of LNHC which was established in 2002. We will expect three delegates between the ages 8 to 25 years from mas bands that participate in NHC. Light refreshments will be provided on the day. Also food can be purchased from the Happy People's Restaurant. The venue is situated next to South Tottenham Rail Station and 3 minutes walk from Seven Sisters Underground. Bus 67, 149, 243, 76, 159, 230. Contact [magshammer@hotmail.com](mailto:magshammer@hotmail.com) to book your places. Young people under the age of 12 years and youths that are physically challenged are welcome with their carers.

## NHMBA Membership

The membership of NHMBA now stands at 70

This total includes the following changes:-

**Leavers** – Trinidad and Tobago Carnival Club

**New Joiners** – VYBZ

**In Waiting** –

**Request to Join** -

## Future NHMBA Meeting Dates

All future NHMBA **executive** meetings will be held at:-

**Paddington Development Trust**  
Westbourne Studios  
Unit 026  
242 Acklam Road  
London W10 5JJ

Every 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday each Month. @ 6.30pm

All future NHMBA **members** meetings will be held :-

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month @7.15pm

**Carnival Village, The Tabernacle,**  
**34-35 Powis Square, London W11**  
**2AY**

Carnival Village: Tabernacle Location:



9<sup>th</sup> June, **14<sup>th</sup> July (secure date)**, 15<sup>th</sup> Sept, **13<sup>th</sup> Oct (secure date)**, 10<sup>th</sup> Nov, 8<sup>th</sup> Dec

Secure dates means, these are dates set quarterly and everyone is expected to attend these meetings plus any date set for the AGM as a matter of priority. The other dates may be subject to change.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT PARKING AT THIS VENUE IS RESTRICTED AND IF YOU DECIDE TO DRIVE, ONLY PARK ON SINGLE YELLOW LINES AFTER 6.30PM. DO NOT PARK IN ANY OF THE RESIDENTIAL BAYS, YOU WILL GET A TICKET.**