



Programme

Date	Time	Title	Venue	Price
Thu. 1st May	7:30pm	The Magna Carta Manifesto	The Cube	£2/3*
Fri. 2nd May	4:00pm	Time, Tide & Money	Bridewell	Donation
Sat. 3rd May	1:00pm	The Commons	Bridewell	Donation
Sun. 4th May	7:30pm	New Enclosures	The Cube	£2/3*
Mon. 5th May	11:00am	Picnic In The Forest	Forest Of Dean	£4/3**
Tue. 6th May	7:30pm	The Beautiful Game?	The Cube	£2/3*
Wed. 7th May	2 - 4pm	Opening The Archives	Central Library	Free
Wed. 7th May	7:30pm	The Kett Rebellion	Bridewell	Donation
Thu. 8th May	7:30pm	The Battle For Bristol 2008	Bridewell	Donation
Fri. 9th March	4:00pm	The 'Real England'	Bridewell	Donation
Sat. 10th May	1:00pm	King, Commoners & Corporations	Bridewell	Donation
Sun. 11th May	5:00pm	The Virtual Commons	St Werburghs C.C.	Donation
Sun. 11th May	7:30pm	The Gentification Of New York	Bridewell	Donation

*The Cube Microplex is a membership cinema with a licensed bar. If you are not a member you need to pay a £1 membership fee on your first visit. Remember to bring your card with you everytime you come.
**Please bring own picnic. The £4 (£3 for children under 14) price is to cover the cost of entry to the mine.



Down With The Fences!

The Struggle For The Global Commons

1st May - 11th May 2008

Ten days dedicated to places, spaces and environments that are owned by no one but are shared by all. As the world faces a wave of new enclosures, we examine the history of the commons, their enclosure and the resistance to private ownership, then and now.

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THE MAGNA CARTA MANIFESTO

Thurs. 1st May, The Cube, 7.30 pm, Price: £2/£3

The Magna Carta Manifesto: Liberties & Commons For All - Peter Linebaugh

Linebaugh's new book lifts the lid on the true importance of both the Magna Carta and its lesser known counterpart, the Forest Charter, which safeguarded the rights of the commoners.

TIME, TIDE AND MONEY

Fri. 2nd May, Bridewell, 4.00 pm, Donations

Clipped Coins: John Locke's Philosophy Of Money - George Caffentzis

Caffentzis takes a sledgehammer to Locke's economic theory and his philosophy. Starting from the political crisis that arose from the 'clipping' of silver currency in the 17th C, he assesses the ideas underpinning capitalism.

Dangerous Lassess And The Lumpen Classes - Steve Higginson

Higginson will describe the reasons why port cities, like Liverpool, rejected industrial time and discipline, and why we should value the transgressive and matriarchal nature of the lumpen proletariat.

THE COMMONS

Sat. 3rd May, Bridewell, 1.00 pm, Donations

The Incomplete, True, Authentic & Wonderful History Of May Day - Peter Linebaugh

An essayist of the 19th C, wrote that 'May Day is the union of the two best things in the world, the love of nature, and the love of each other'. Linebaugh shows how the festival joins two strands of radical thought: red and green.

Partition And Prejudice: 'The English Arrangements Of Place And Space' - Steve Higginson

Higginson offers a view of the history of enclosure arguing that it is inseparable from 'Englishness' and English imperial power.

The Commons Panel - Peter Linebaugh, George Caffentzis, Massimo de Angelis

A public debate with leading critics of neo-liberalism and the current world-wide wave of privatisation and enclosure. What can we learn from

the history of enclosure of the commons? Is resistance futile? Where should we be directing our energies, protecting our last remaining open spaces or state run services like the NHS?

NEW ENCLOSURES

Sun. 4th May, The Cube, 7.30 pm Price: £2/£3

The New Enclosures - George Caffentzis

Caffentzis will discuss the current 'housing crisis' in the US as an example of a 'new enclosure' and will draw a synoptic picture of the class forces in the US.

My Holiday Snaps: The New Enclosures In India - Rich Grove

Photographs from 2000, charting the struggle to protect land from encroachments sponsored by the World Bank.

A PICNIC IN THE FOREST

Mon 5th May, Meet at Hopewell Colliery, Speech House Rd., Coleford. 11.00am, Price: £4/3 (for trip down the mine), Bring Own Picnic

Warren James, Free Miners & The Forest Of Dean - Ian Wright & Robin Morgan

Come with us on a Bank Holiday day trip to the historic Forest of Dean and learn about the life and times of the Warren James., the 19th C spokesman for the foresters in their struggle to protect their way of life from the enclosures and industrial capitalism. Robin Morgan, a free miner, still working today, will talk about his life and take us (children included) into his mine at Hopewell. Followed by a walk through ancient Puzzle Wood. For more details, visit our website.

THE BEAUTIFUL GAME?

Tues. 6th May, The Cube, 7.30 pm, Price: £2/£3

The Ball Is Round - David Goldblatt

Why is football the world game? Goldblatt surveys the 'beautiful game' and 'goes in hand' on the money men who dominate what was once the peoples' game.

OPENING THE ARCHIVES

Wed 7th May, Bristol Room, Central Reference Library 2-4 pm, Free

A chance to view primary source material related to the commons, enclosure and rebellion.

THE KETT REBELLION

Wed. 7th May, Bridewell, 7.30 pm, Donations

The Kett Rebellion - Peter Clarke

The Kett Rebellion was an explosion of popular feeling against the enclosure policies of the Tudor government that swept through Norfolk in the summer of 1549.

THE BATTLE FOR BRISTOL 2008

Thurs. 8th May, Bridewell, 7.30 pm, Donations

A night dedicated to ongoing struggles in Bristol to control our urban spaces whether playing fields, parks, pubs or clubs.

Packers Field: A Victory? - Kevin Davis & Roger Ball

Packer's Field is a seven acre area of green land in east Bristol. Davis recounts the battle by local people to retain access to the site, while Ball considers the strange connections with the history of common land and enclosure in Britain.

Castle Park: The Town Green - Mary Bannerman

The Castle Park Users Group was formed in 2006 when proposals were unveiled to develop part of the existing parkland. Currently they are launching an application to turn the site into a 'town green'.

Stokes Croft & Old Market: Sanitising The Underground - Roger Ball

Stokes Croft and Old Market are under imminent threat from developers. These areas are historic not only in their architecture but also in the 'underground' music, art and sub-cultures that have radiated across the world. Can we protect them? Or will they be sanitised?

THE 'REAL ENGLAND'

Fri. 9th May, Bridewell, 4.00 pm, Donations

The 'Real England' - Paul Kingsnorth

Economic globalisation, an intrusive state and consumerism are conspiring to scour the colour, character and independence from all corners of the English landscape and replace them with malls, clone towns and executive apartments.

KINGS, COMMONERS AND CORPORATIONS

Sat. 10th May, Bridewell, 1.00 pm, Donations

The Crown & The Commons: Holding Monarchy To Account In 18th Century England -Steve Poole

18th C English people understood their allegiance to the Crown in contractual terms; it was conditional upon the King looking after the commons and defending constitutional liberty. Their allegiance was dissolved if the King failed to perform. Poole considers the relationship between King George III and some of his more troublesome subjects.

The One Day House & The Kingswood Commons - Steve Mills

Mills examines the resources open to squatters in forests, the common rights behind one-day houses and free mining

Corporations: A Brief History - Dan Bennett
Corporations 1600-1989. What are they? Where did they come from? How did they achieve so much power?

THE VIRTUAL COMMONS

Sun. 11th May, St. Werburghs Community Centre. 5.00 pm, Donations

Bristol Wireless will be hosting an evening of Creative Commons Fun including talks, demonstrations, films and a bar!
5:00 pm Open Source Software Workshop
7:30 pm Revolution OS - a 2001 documentary film made in the United States, directed by J. T. S. Moore, tracing the twenty-years of GNU, Linux and the free software movement. Followed by a talk and discussion.

GENTRIFICATION IN NEW YORK

Sun 11th May, Bridewell, 7:30 pm, Donations

The Movement For Justice In El Barrio - Juan

Driven by corporations and profit seeking landlords, gentrification has swept New York causing massive displacement: of low income people of colour. The MJB has been successfully fighting these forces with a commitment to Zapatista inspired autonomy and popular democracy.