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NEW CROSS TURN LEFT

SOUTH LONDON CARTOONISTS UNITE FOR A DAY OF CAKE, CRAFTS, AND EVENTS IN DEPTFORD'S HISTORIC OLD POLICE STATION

1ST JULY 2011, LONDON: **New Cross Turn Left: A Comics and Art Garden Party**, is a free event taking place at Deptford's historic Old Police Station on Sunday 24th July from 1-11PM.

South London is increasingly known for its gallery scene - but it is also home to loads of comic book artists. The festival organisers - local artists Howard Hardiman (**The Lengths**), Ellen Lindner (**Undertow**), Julia Scheele (**So F*cking Romantic**), and Nevs Coleman (**Filthy Orphans**) have decided to draw attention to this burgeoning community of cartoonists and illustrators with a one-day small press fair showcasing talent from South London and beyond.

Taking part will be Tom Humberstone, editor of **Solipsistic Pop** (<http://solipsisticpop.com/>), Matt Sheret of **We Are Words and Pictures** (<http://wearewordsandpictures.com>), David O'Connell, creator of **Queen Mum Adventures** (<http://scribblehound.bigcartel.com/product/queen-mum-adventures-1-2>), illustrator Katriona Chapman (<http://katrionachapman.squarespace.com/>) and many more from South London and beyond. 25 artists have signed up to take part.

Also on board is Stitch London, the UK's largest knitting group, whose founder, Lauren O'Farrell, will give her first-ever graffiti knitting workshop (<http://www.whodunnknit.com>).

On display will be four one-day comics-themed exhibitions in the Old Police Station's holding cells with work by Walrus Zine Collective, Megan Donnelly and John Miers, Gary Northfield and Matt Abbiss, and an interview-based installation by comics journalist Mike Leader and We Are Words and Pictures founder Matt Sheret.

Also scheduled is the world premiere of **Derek and The Quest for the Googly Glasses**, the first dramatic outing by **Derek the Sheep** from **The Beano**, by Old Police Station studio occupant Gary Northfield) and a big bad launch party in the evening for **Art History Dropouts Collected**, a book printing the first 40 drawings from the online project by Ellen Lindner and Barnaby Richards (<http://arthistorydropouts.blogspot.com/>).

The event is named in honour of New Cross's new London Overground station - the simplest way to get to the venue is to go to New Cross, and turn left upon exiting the station.

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About the Old Police Station

Built in 1912, the Old Police Station was until two years ago Deptford's working police station. Recently featured on The Culture Show, it is now crawling with artists working in all media, and administered by Temporary Contemporary.

<http://www.theoldpolicestation.org/>
3 mins' walk from New Cross Rail/Overground
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