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# Spring of success for New Deal area

**It's been an exciting few weeks for the Kensington New Deal area with a number of important developments and successes to report.**

For example the Tunnel Road housing scheme has now been given the green light by Liverpool City Council. Following a Public Inquiry, the local authority rejected an application for the housing land to be given protected Village Green status.

This decision is great news for the many local people who campaigned for work on the new homes to proceed as planned.

Meanwhile, proposals were unveiled recently for a major new development on nearby Wavertree Road.

This would involve the demolition of a number of old buildings which would be replaced with new shops, offices and flats.

The centrepiece of the scheme would be a new Taskers superstore that could generate up to 100 new jobs for the area.

In another development, a planning application has now been submitted for the new £10-million Neighbourhood Centre scheme on



Bellway plan to create 126 new homes at Tunnel Road.

the corner of Beech Street and Prescott Road.

This project on the former ice rink and bingo hall site will include shops, offices and apartments. A new fire station with community facilities is also part of the plans.

As well as the progress on these projects the last few weeks have seen the opening of the new community house on Cicely Street and the Academy of St Francis of Assisi being hailed as the fastest-improving school in the country at GCSE level. And it has also been revealed that

Kensington Fields could be given conservation area status, protecting its classic Victorian architecture.

Kensington Regeneration Chief Executive, Lynn Spencer, commented: "There have been some very positive developments for Kensington in recent weeks and all of them will play an important part in the wider regeneration of the area."

You can read more about the above developments in the following pages of this issue of Kensington News, the community newspaper for the New Deal area.



Kensington Fields could obtain conservation area status.

# WELCOME TO KENSINGTON NEWS

**This month's Guest Editor of Kensington News, Kensington Regeneration Board Member Enid Bristow, writes:**

I would like to welcome you to the latest issue of Kensington News, the community newspaper for the New Deal area.

As you can read elsewhere in this newsletter, it's been a very busy few weeks for Kensington with a number of important developments and successes to report.

I am delighted that there is so much positive news to include in this issue. This bodes well for the future and also reflects the fact that the work that Kensington Regeneration is doing is creating real change for the better in our area.

You can read more about some of the latest housing and environmental developments on the centre pages of Kensington News.

Here you'll also find an interesting article on the work of the Kensington Clean Team who do a fantastic job tackling grotspots, removing rubbish and generally improving the local environment.

On the same page there is also an update on the work on the St Sebastian's community garden which is scheduled to open soon. This is an excellent project which has been steered by local people from the outset. I would like to congratulate everyone involved on

their achievement in creating this new facility for residents in the area.

On another matter, the Easter school holidays are almost upon us so look out for our reader offer on page seven. This enables children to obtain free entry to Knowsley Safari Park, a great day out pretty much on our doorstep.

I hope you enjoy reading the March issue of Kensington News. The Editorial Group of the newsletter would be delighted to hear any comments you have on its contents, or suggestions for topics for inclusion in future issues.

One important topic that will definitely be included in our next issue in May is the upcoming Community Awards presentation evening. This is one of the highlights of the year for Kensington Regeneration and a wonderful opportunity to honour those people who make a real difference to life in our area.

With best wishes

**Enid Bristow  
Kensington  
Regeneration**



All smiles at the Academy of St Francis of Assisi after remarkable success in the Government league table.

## ACADEMY TOPS THE TABLE

**Kensington's Academy of St Francis of Assisi has topped a Government league table as the fastest-improving school in the country at GCSE level.**

Pupils achieved an average of 13 grades higher than expected in their top eight subjects according to the Department for Education and Skills' value-added listing.

This takes into consideration factors such as ability and background as well as the simple academic results.

Academy Principal, Jim Burke, commented: "We are all extremely proud of the massive improvements

that have been made during the first 12 months of the new Academy. This is down to the hard work of our students and staff."

The Academy of St Francis of Assisi opened its doors in September 2005 and is unique in being the only City Academy in the country which has the environment as its specialism.

The school building incorporates many energy-saving and recycling features and pupils are encouraged to get involved in 'green' activities such as an Eco Council and creating a garden area.

John Caton, Chair of the Lifelong

Learning, Employment and Enterprise Committee which helped to establish the Academy, said: "I would like to congratulate pupils and staff on their fantastic success in improving GCSE grades.

"The new school has made a huge difference to people in Kensington, providing a first-class education in an excellent environment.

"For the first time Kensington has its own secondary school serving all the local junior schools, and the building is also providing a base for a wide range of different activities for all age groups."

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## SCHOOLS CELEBRATE WORLD BOOK DAY

**St Sebastian's Primary School and nearby St Cuthbert's Primary in Kensington celebrated the 10th birthday of World Book Day in fine style recently.**

Teachers and pupils decided to spend the day dressed up as their

favourite fictional characters to mark the occasion.

A group of teachers masquerading as Snow White's seven dwarfs are pictured with children wearing some of the fantastic costumes created for the event.



## Community prepares to salute its heroes

**The New Deal area was preparing to salute its community heroes as this issue of Kensington News went to press.**

Every year Kensington Regeneration organises a Community Awards event and this year's neighbourhood 'Oscars' are due to be presented at a gala dinner at the Devonshire House Hotel on March 29th.

Eight awards are up for grabs including Resident of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, Carer of the Year, Older Volunteer of the Year and Black and Racial Minorities Volunteer of the Year.

The roll of honour is completed by the Heart of Gold Award, the Good Neighbour Award and the Community Learning Award.

Kensington Regeneration Chief Executive, Lynn Spencer, commented: "Many people in Kensington devote a lot of time and effort to helping others and improving life in the area and the Community Awards are a way of recognising and saluting what they do."

The next issue of Kensington News will include a special feature with all the highlights of the Community Awards presentation ceremony.

## United at Eid celebration

**Members of the United Colours of Kensington were invited by the Liverpool Arabic Festival and the Everyman and Playhouse theatres to take part in an Eid event at the World Museum recently.**

The Eid celebration marks the end of Ramadan, the month of fasting observed by millions of Muslims.

Seven members of the group spent four hours at the festival and painted more than 150 faces, many with unique designs incorporating Arabic writing.

The United Colours of Kensington was set up in the summer of 2005 originally with just a few members and since then its popularity has grown. The group now has 25 members who regularly attend events and are trained and mentored by Oli Thomas.

Special evenings are also organised by the group, each based around the different cultures of the members.

The Eid celebration was the first major event that the group has taken part in since receiving nearly £5,000 for training and development from the Liverpool Culture Company.



One of more than 150 faces that were painted at the event.



Drumming up a storm – Kensington Regeneration Chair Norma Williams gets the celebration event under way.

# Good turnout for Chinese New Year

**Kensington residents turned out in force to celebrate Chinese New Year recently.**

Around 1,000 people attended a day of music, dance and arts activities at Kensington Community Sports Centre to launch the Year of the Pig.

The event was organised by the Merseyside Regional Chinese Association (MRCA) and supported by Kensington Regeneration, Community Seven, Merseyside Fire and Rescue

Service and around 20 other local organisations.

A raffle raised £200 for MRCA's adopted charity, Kids In Need and Distress (KIND).

Cathy Yu, Chair of MRCA, said: "This was our third Chinese New Year festival in Kensington and the event gets bigger and better each time.

"I would like to thank everyone who got involved - performers, sponsors and visitors - for helping to make it such a memorable occasion."

Kensington Regeneration Chair Norma Williams, who opened the event, said: "It was an absolutely brilliant day, attended by an amazing number of people who thoroughly enjoyed all of the entertainment.

"I found it particularly heart warming that the hundreds of adults and children who attended were from such a diverse range of cultures."



Big crowds enjoyed a wide variety of entertainment at the event.

# Search is on for good eggs

**Do you know any good eggs in your neighbourhood - people who help others with little acts of kindness without expecting any reward?**

If so, why not put them forward for the Kensington Easter Eggstra Campaign.

Kensington Regeneration is giving away a chocolate egg as a token of thanks to the first 100 people who are nominated by a Kensington resident for going that 'eggstra' mile to help a neighbour.

Kris Waite, Kensington Regeneration's Communications

Officer, commented: "Many members of our community regularly brighten up the lives of other people by giving them a bit of extra help.

"We want to recognise their efforts, and say thanks, by giving them a special Easter egg."

If you would like to nominate someone for the Kensington Easter Eggstra Campaign please send a note of their name and address, your contact details, and a brief

description of why you are nominating them to: Kris Waite, Communications Officer, Kensington Regeneration, Job Bank, 4 Tunnel Road, Liverpool L7 6QD.



# KENSINGTON LINK TO ACCLAIMED NEW FILM

**Kensington residents were amongst the first on Merseyside to view a highly-acclaimed new film about the tragic death of Chinese cockle pickers in Morecambe Bay.**

A private screening of 'Ghosts' by documentary film maker Nick Broomfield was arranged by Kensington Regeneration and Merseyside Regional Chinese Association at FACT at the end of February.

The film was followed by a discussion with representatives of the Liverpool Chinese community and Merseyside Police, chaired by Roger Phillips from BBC Radio Merseyside.



FACT was the venue for the screening and follow-up discussion.



Steering his way to a new career – trainee driver Tommy Taylor receives instructions from his D Morgan mentor.

# On the road to a new career

**Six Kensington men are on the road to a successful new career after embarking on a heavy goods vehicle training course.**

The men are on an intensive HGV course, funded by Kensington Regeneration, which will lead to qualifications and jobs driving lorries, vans or dumper trucks. All of them were previously long-term unemployed.

Trainee driver Tommy Taylor, 29, said: "I have had different jobs in the past, including taxi driving and clerical work at the Royal Liverpool Hospital, but I have always wanted to be a heavy goods driver.

"I had been out of work for six months when I was told I had been successful in getting on this training course and I was absolutely made up."

Tommy and the other Kensington residents - Lawrence Brophy, Michael Porter, Mark Bligh, Chris Riley and Clay McGowan - were recruited onto the 13-week transitional employment programme by JET Eastern Link and Streets Ahead, whose staff helped the men

through the application process.

Liverpool City Council's Employment Programme Team manage the programme, which is co-ordinated by the Eldonians. Their staff oversee the training and mentoring and will work with JET Eastern Link and Kensington Regeneration to secure permanent jobs for the six.

John Dennon, Director of Ellesmere Port-based company D Morgan which is running the course, praised the men:

"They are great and it is an inspiration to see their enthusiasm – it really takes your breath away. I am really pleased with their attitude and commitment and I firmly believe they are all a credit to themselves and to Liverpool," he said.

Kensington Regeneration Board Member, Doreen Morris, added: "This is a fantastic success story. All six men have obviously seized the opportunity to train for a career in which there are excellent job prospects. This will change their lives and that is what regeneration is all about."

# POSITIVE DECISION ON HOUSING SCHEME

**Liverpool City Council has rejected an application for Village Green status to be given to the site of the Tunnel Road housing development in Edge Hill.**

Following a Public Inquiry into the application which threatened the scheme, the local authority agreed with the Inspector's report that it was not credible.

This paves the way for Bellway Homes to start work within the next few months on the first of the 126 properties that will eventually be built on the site.

The new homes, which will range from one-bedroom apartments to

three-bedroom family houses, are mainly intended for private ownership although some will be available for rent.

Kensington Regeneration has been working with Liverpool City Council to ensure that the properties are offered at affordable prices to local people, many of whom have been involved in the design of the scheme.

And local residents will also benefit from a six-week priority purchasing period when the properties are released for sale.

The result of the Public Inquiry is great news for members of the Edge Hill Housing Focus and

Issues Group who mounted a campaign against the Village Green application.

As a result, more than 200 local people wrote to the council in favour of the Bellway development.

Norma Williams, Chair of Kensington Regeneration commented: "We all value green space, but there was no evidence that this land was regularly used for sport or recreation of any kind. Clearly therefore, the best way forward is to use it for much-needed new housing in the area and we look forward to the scheme getting back on track."



The Tunnel Road site will eventually provide 126 new properties.



An artist's impression of how homes on Bellway's Tunnel Road scheme will look.



## Improvements to Botanic Park

Changing for the better – Kensington's Botanic Park.

**Summer visitors to Kensington's Botanic Park will be able to enjoy rose beds again which are being re-planted in the lawn area of the walled garden.**

The idea to re-introduce the roses came from the local community, with the Friends of Botanic Park obtaining funding to buy the roses and Fairfield Day Centre helping to plant them.

Community groups are also planning to run a number of events in the park in the Easter and summer school holidays.

As part of the general drive to increase usage of the park Liverpool City Council has also addressed a number of security issues.

For example, City Watch is now providing a regular presence at the

park, ground staff levels have increased and shrubberies have been thinned out to give the gardens a more secure and open aspect.

Meanwhile in a separate development at Botanic Place opposite the park, old and broken wall-mounted street lights are to be replaced with modern lighting columns as part of the Edge Lane Project.

As well as enhancing the appearance of the area this will help to reduce crime and improve community safety by making the road much lighter at night.

## Development plans for Wavertree Road

**Proposals for a major redevelopment scheme on Wavertree Road have been welcomed by local residents.**

Liverpool City Council has been discussing the multi-million-pound project with developers Neptune and DIY store giant Taskers.

The scheme would involve the demolition of old buildings in the area and their replacement with a range of new shops, offices and flats in the area bordered by Wavertree Road, Harbord Street and Kinglake Street.

The central element of the development would be a new Taskers superstore that could generate up to 100 new jobs.

The scheme would also include a supermarket and smaller shops including new premises for the

Liverpool City Council Wavertree Customer Focus Centre and Jobcentre Plus.

Community facilities and a doctor's surgery could also form part of the plans, although Council chiefs are stressing that the proposals are only at a very early stage.

Community leaders in Edge Hill have been calling for improvements in the area's shopping facilities to complement the planned housing redevelopment programme.

Norma Lee, Chair of the Edge Hill Housing Focus and Issues Group, commented: "I think this is an exciting and much-needed development. As well as linking in with the housing programme it does give you faith in the area when private companies are willing to invest in major local projects."



Wavertree Road could be in line for major changes.

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3. When you have chosen your vacancy scroll to the bottom of the page and click on 'apply'.
4. Fill in as much of the application form as you can, remembering to refer to the job details as you do.
5. Click 'Apply' and your application is sent instantly. You will receive an automatic response to confirm this.

**How to register for jobs**

1. Go to [www.jobs.nhs.uk](http://www.jobs.nhs.uk)
2. Click on 'Register'.
3. Add your personal details and an e-mail address to send the updates to.
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## PROJECT PROFILE

# KENSINGTON CLEAN TEAM

**For two years Kensington Clean Team has been improving the local environment and making a real difference to local life, often in areas where other agencies are powerless to act.**

The team, funded by Kensington Regeneration and Community Seven, operates throughout the area, tackling grotspots, removing dangerous fly-tipping and maintaining open spaces.

Team members respond to the most urgent environmental problems by working in partnership with Kensington Regeneration, the Kensington Community Wardens, Liverpool City Council's Eastern Link Team and other agencies.

In the last year alone the team has cut grass equivalent to the size of 30 football pitches, picked litter to match a further 248 pitches and removed rubbish equivalent to 821 large skips.

They also removed 1,882 dumped tyres, 736 pieces of furniture, 95 fridges, 48 gas bottles, 43 washing machines and 34 cookers.

Kensington Clean Team is managed by Peter Yoh and Michael Bowles has recently been appointed Project Co-ordinator. The team members are supervisors Andy Casey and Robbie Holt, Tommy Smith and Daniel Foote. Michael Rotherham has also been working with the team recently on a temporary placement.

They are also supported by Colin Casey, Tony Reagan and Russell Murphy from Local Solutions who step in on occasions, depending on the job and skills required.

Peter commented: "Kensington suffers from environmental blight and fly-tipping and the team is in place to clean up the area and to support residents during the current changes when a lot of demolition is taking place."

"The team also makes a real

difference by filling in gaps in the provision of local environmental services. For example, when grotspots are in private ownership or the work is not traditionally that of a street cleaner they basically fill in the grey areas to improve the living environment for everyone."

The team also works closely with the Community Wardens and local residents, responding to reported jobs and also working with local agencies in areas affected by the

demolition to improve the state of the environment.

Skips are also placed in various locations in the five Kensington neighbourhoods on one day each month for residents to dispose of unwanted household items.

Kensington Clean Team also encourages local residents to play a part in keeping their neighbourhoods clean by reminding them of the importance of placing bin bags in alleyways on collection

days only.

The message is that rubbish attracts rats, which spread disease, cause contamination and damage structures.

For further information or to report a job contact the Kensington Clean Team on 0151-261 9840 or email the wardens at [c7.warden@community7.org.uk](mailto:c7.warden@community7.org.uk).



Members of the Kensington Clean Team (left to right) – Andy Casey, Michael Bowles, Robbie Holt and Michael Rotherham. Tommy Smith and Daniel Foote were unavailable for the photocall.

## Garden set for completion

**It's been all systems go in recent weeks at the St Sebastian's community garden with Local Solutions working flat out to complete the project in time for its opening.**

Things have been so busy that even the Chair of the project, Pat Dermott, dropped in recently to give the workmen a helping hand.

The garden project has involved the transformation of an overgrown area of land behind the parish hall.

Paths, ramps and raised flower beds have been created, and they will be followed by the introduction of new garden benches.

Pat commented: "We're all looking forward to the opening of the garden but it would never have happened without funding from Kensington Regeneration, Operation Eden, Awards for All and Liverpool City Council's Empowering Neighbourhood Scheme."

"I would also like to pay tribute

to the most important people of all, our committee of Dave Beck, Harry Dermott, Vi and James Flynn, Maria Grimes, Father Patrick Kelly, Henry Massam and Roger Kirk Smith and all the many other people who have helped to make this dream come true."

Treasurer Henry Massam added: "I hope the community gets as much pleasure from using this garden as we have, seeing it come alive."



Getting down to work – Pat Dermott helps out Michael Rotherham (left) and Robert Holt of the Kensington Clean Team.



Residents are being encouraged to drop in for information and advice.

## Advice centre is home from home for residents

**A new advice centre in Edge Hill is home from home for local residents.**

The new drop-in facility - a converted terraced house in Cicely Street - provides local people with up-to-date information on housing developments in the area just yards from where they live.

The centre, which is open twice a week, is staffed by representatives of Kensington Regeneration, Community Seven and Liverpool City Council's Neighbourhood Management Team.

Their aim is to provide people with

a wide range of information and advice on the large-scale housing redevelopment programme currently in progress in the area.

Norma Lee, Chair of the Edge Hill Housing Focus and Issues Group, explained: "It is important for residents to have somewhere easily accessible where they can ask questions and talk in private about their future housing plans."

The centre, at 45 Cicely Street, is open from 10am until 2pm on Tuesdays and from 1.30-3.30pm on Thursdays.



## Interested in a career in the health sector?

### Kensington Regeneration is urging local people to consider a career in the health sector.

George Allen, the organisation's Lifelong Learning, Employment and Enterprise Manager, says there are an increasing number of employment opportunities in healthcare and that Kensington residents should take advantage of programmes that could help them to access these jobs. These programmes include Ambition Health and the Health Cadets scheme.

George commented: "Health is a key sector of the local economy and here in Kensington we have the Royal Liverpool Hospital on our doorstep.

"With the wide variety of healthcare jobs available, and plans in the pipeline to redevelop the Royal, this is a good time for Kensington residents to be considering a career in this field."

The Ambition Health programme, which recruits a number of times each year, can be accessed via Jobcentre Plus. The course prepares people for a wide variety of jobs including healthcare assistant, administrator and rehabilitation support worker.

Applicants attend an initial open day to find out more about the programme and for an assessment. Once accepted, students receive

24 weeks training of which 10 weeks is based in a local college and 14 weeks on a work placement leading to NVQ Level 2. Once in employment, they receive further training and support to enable them to achieve NVQ Level 3 or its equivalent.

Meanwhile, there is just one entry in September each year for the Health Cadets programme which is designed to prepare people for a variety of NHS jobs.

This programme is normally up to two years and four months in length and leads on to NVQ Level 3 qualifications or the equivalent.

During the training students work in a number of healthcare positions, building up experience which enables them to decide which career route they may wish to follow after the programme finishes.

Possible careers can include radiographer, speech and language therapist, dietitian, occupational therapist or medical records officer.

For more information about the Health Cadets programme, contact the NHS Academy North West on 0151-482 5678.

George Allen concluded: "These two programmes help people to work towards a wide range of healthcare jobs so it's well worth finding out more about them."

# First new Dream High business

### The first new company in Kensington created with the help of an exciting new support service for entrepreneurs in the area has opened for business.

Dream High - supported by Kensington Regeneration - has helped 19-year-old Leah Eaton to open her own beauty salon, Le Spa.

The service is one of four on Merseyside based on the principles of the Sirolli Institute, a global organisation which aims to support communities by helping entrepreneurs to grow their local economies from within.

Each project brings together a panel of people who have a wide range of expertise and want to help people either set up in business or expand an existing operation.

Claire Baker, Dream High's Enterprise Facilitator, has already helped several expansion projects but Le Spa is her first start-up. She said: "It's great to see the launch of Le Spa after helping Leah from the outset."

Leah added: "I have always wanted to run my own business and now that I have opened my own salon it feels a bit scary - but fantastic!"

More information on Dream High is available from Claire Baker on 07921 372844.

Would-be entrepreneurs in Kensington can also now benefit from a new £1.5-million grant scheme in the area.

The new scheme, created with funding from Liverpool City Council and Europe, is designed to encourage more business start-ups by specific groups including women, the over 50s, Muslims and college students.

Estimates suggest that the scheme could help to launch up to 450 new small firms and create 540 jobs.

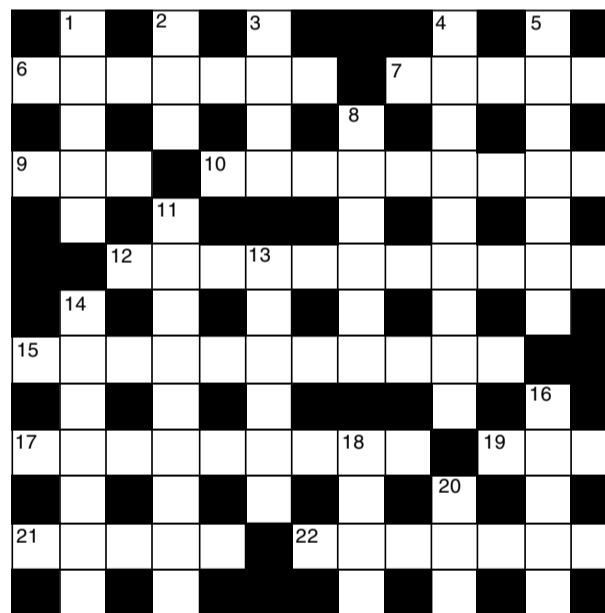
Nicola Gleave, Head of Enterprise at Business Liverpool, commented: "This money represents a fantastic opportunity to help many people realise their dreams and tap into their potential."

More information on the scheme is available from Business Liverpool on 0151-288 6677.



Leah Eaton (right) shows Claire Baker the services on offer at Le Spa.

## KENSINGTON NEWS CROSSWORD



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# Fun Day preparations in full swing

Preparations are now in full swing for this year's Kensington Summer Fun Day which will take place at Fairfield Police Club from 11am to 4pm on Saturday July 7th.

This will be the New Deal area's fourth Fun Day and Kensington Regeneration is committed to making it bigger and better than ever before.

That's why the organisation is urging local groups or residents who would like to run a stall or stage a performance to get in touch as soon as possible.

Last year's event, compered by popular Radio Merseyside presenter Alan Jackson, attracted a crowd of 2,500 who were entertained with a wider variety of stalls, display

stands, workshops, exhibitions and performances.

Other highlights of the day included a mini farm, fun fair rides and a well-supported football tournament.

Meanwhile, there was music for all tastes, from heavy rock to the rousing skirl of the bagpipes.

One of the people who enjoyed the day was local MP Jane Kennedy who said at the time: "It seems even bigger than last year and it's really busy. It's great to see so many people out here enjoying themselves and supporting the event."

This year's Fun Day is being organised by Kensington Regeneration Communications Officer, Kris Waite, who commented: "The planning for

this July's event is well under way and the programme for the day is really starting to come together. We will be able to provide residents with more details in our May newsletter.

"It's also worth stressing again that the Fun Day is a great opportunity for community groups and voluntary organisations to showcase their work so I would urge anyone interested to make contact as soon as possible to book a slot in the programme."

For more information about the Kensington Summer Fun Day, or to book a slot at the event, ring Kris Waite on 0151-233 6136.





Memories of wartime Kensington for three former evacuees – Marjorie Briscoe (left), her brother Alec Wallace and Edith Bywater.

## EVACUEES VISIT SCHOOL

**Pupils at a Kensington school have been hearing at first hand about life as an evacuee in the Second World War.**

A group of former pupils of New Park Primary School, who were evacuated to Wales during the Blitz, visited the school to speak about

their experiences and answer questions from the children.

The idea for the visit originated at the Welsh evening organised last autumn as part of Kensington Regeneration's One World Month.

The visit was used as the basis of a range of work in the classroom

linked to life during the war.

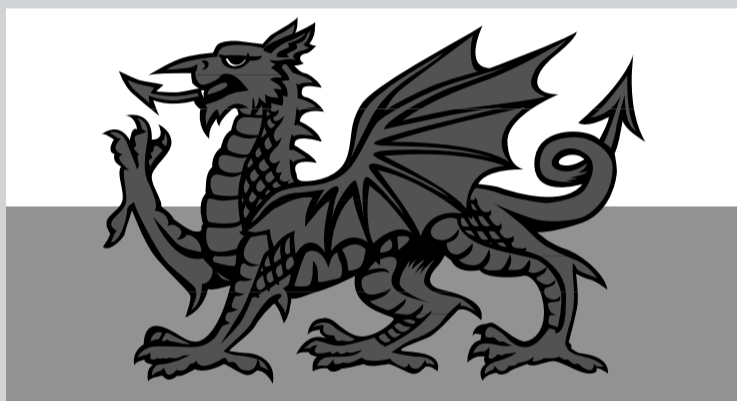
The children also read the novel Goodbye Mr Tom by Michelle Magorian, the story of a young boy evacuated from London. This book was adapted into a very successful TV production starring the late John Thaw.

## New Welsh initiative unveiled

**Kensington Regeneration is appealing for local people with a connection to Wales to get together to look at putting on some Welsh activities in the area.**

Mark Jackson, who is co-ordinating the new Welsh initiative, explained: "One World Month in Kensington is a celebration of global culture and over the last three years very successful events have been organised for the area's African, Chinese, Polish, Irish and Jewish communities. A Welsh evening was organised for the first time as part of the 2006 event.

"Now we want to build on that success by organising a range of other Welsh-related activities as well. It's worth remembering that in the early nineteenth century 10 per cent of the population of



Liverpool was Welsh and, of course, many local children were evacuated to Wales during the Blitz in the Second World War.

"We are in the process of organising a trip to the Colomendy Outdoor Centre in Wales in April. The centre offers a variety of leisure activities such as walking, climbing and abseiling.

"If you have a connection to Colomendy or an interest in Wales in general, and you would like to take part in the trip, ring Janet Grimes on 0151-233 6189."

For more information on the Welsh initiative email Mark Jackson at [jazjackson28@hotmail.com](mailto:jazjackson28@hotmail.com).



Joan Walker (front) and Linda Ostle (far right) of Jarvis are pictured with the Support Assistants at the ceremony.

## Support assistants honoured

**More than 20 Support Assistants at St Sebastian's and St Cuthbert's Primary Schools were honoured recently after successfully completing a Government-recognised training course.**

They received their Department for Education and Skills certificates of accreditation in school support work at a ceremony attended by representatives of

training company Jarvis.

School Deputy Head Margaret Hagan commented: "One of the key themes we have been exploring with the children recently is 'going for

goals' and these presentations demonstrated to pupils that the Support Assistants really have achieved their goals this term."

# SAFARI READER OFFER



**Knowsley Safari Park is one of the top choices for a family day out in the region and thanks to a great Kensington News reader offer, kids can go free at the attraction during the Easter holiday.**

The 550-acre park on the Earl of Derby's estate has been one of the region's leading all-day attractions for more than 35 years, offering a unique five-mile safari drive along roads lined with exotic animals from all over the globe.

It is now the only safari park in the North West and one of only five in the UK and is currently riding high in popularity, welcoming more than 500,000 visitors a year.

There is, in fact, a long history of keeping animals on the Knowsley estate. In the 19th century Edward, the 13th Earl of Derby, kept one of the largest private menageries in the world with 90 species of mammals and 300 species of birds!

These days Knowsley's 500 mammals include rhinos, camels, buffalo, bison, wildebeest, lions, tigers, zebra, baboons, monkeys, deer, antelopes and wallabies.

Current top attractions at the park include the three white rhino calves born over the last 12 months - Binta, Kifaru and Tatu - plus the ever-popular mischievous young elephants, Ashanti and Nala.

Other recent animal arrivals include a pack of 12 very rare African Hunting Dogs and a pair of Red River Hogs.

However, for many visitors it is the baboons who remain the real stars of the show.

The good news is that Knowsley now offers an alternative car-friendly route around the outside of the monkey jungle for those wishing to avoid any potential damage to their vehicle. Visitors taking this route still have an excellent view of the baboons.

Other must-see attractions at the park include a sealion show, more than 20 amusement park rides and a walkaround animal area where elephants, giraffe, meerkats and otter can be viewed at close quarters.

Meanwhile, Knowsley's Bug House offers everything from snakes to lizards and cockroaches, creatures a world away from the goats, lambs, cattle and horses for the youngsters to enjoy at Children's Lake Farm.

As well as the 'exotic' animals at Knowsley the park offers a wide range of native British wildlife. 10 species of waterfowl nest around its lake, kestrels and buzzards can be spotted in the woodland and brown hares, stoats, weasels, grey squirrels and red squirrels can also be seen.

Knowsley Safari Park General Manager, David Ross, commented: "In terms of visitor numbers the park had a record year in 2006 and we look forward to welcoming even more people during the current year."

The park is open daily from 10am and tickets cost just £11 for adults and £8 for children with a family ticket on offer at £34 for two adults and two children.

For more details ring the 24-hour information line on 0151-430 9009 or log on to [www.knowsley.com](http://www.knowsley.com)

**Why not take advantage of the offer by organising a trip to the park using the Kensington Regeneration community minibus – ring Laura Pover on 0151-233 6136 for details.**

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**Directions:** Leave the M62 at exit 6, then take the M57 at exit 2. At the roundabout follow the brown safari signs.

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# Youngsters encouraged to try new activities



**Kensington youngsters have been encouraged to try their hand at a variety of new activities at a recent series of taster sessions in the area.**

Music, craft and climbing were just a few of the activities on offer at venues including Kensington Community Sports Centre, Central Youth Club, Birchfield Park and Kensington Fields Community Centre.

The sporting activities available included volleyball, bowling and table tennis.

Kensington is one of six areas of the city that has been taking part in the Community Games initiative, funded by the Capital of Culture Company.

One of the organisers, Rhiannon Brown, commented: "We want to encourage more children in Kensington to get active by introducing them to new sports, arts and crafts."

"At the end of the Community Games we hope to organise new teams and competitions in sports such as hockey and volleyball to keep up the momentum."

The workshops in Kensington were organised with the support of Kensington Regeneration, Liverpool Sport Action Zone and Nacro.

**Aiming high - the climbing wall (left) proved very popular at the event, as did the drumming workshops (below).**



**Netting some new skills - Anthony Clarke (left) and Luke Williams took advantage of the opportunity to play table tennis.**



## notice board

**Upcoming dates for your diary:**

Kensington United Community Football will be running football training for 9-13 year olds at Kensington Sports Centre, Jubilee Drive over the Easter holidays.  
**For more information contact Claire Bullen on 0151 233 6148.**

### United Colours of Kensington Caribbean Teaser!

Steel pans, food and reading from Liverpool Reads, 'Small Island'.  
**28 April 2007 5-8pm**  
**For more information contact Claire Bullen on 0151 233 6148.**

### Summer Fun Day

Fairfield Police Club  
**Saturday July 7th 11am-4pm**

Don't forget Kensington Regeneration also has a website where you can find information about the partnership and what's going on in the New Deal area as well as the latest from Kensington News. You can also have your say about the issues that affect you most.

The Kensington Regeneration website can be accessed at:  
[www.kensingtonregeneration.com](http://www.kensingtonregeneration.com)

## CHEFS PASS ON TIPS

**Top chefs from the Academy of Culinary Arts visited Kensington recently to pass on some tips to the area's budding Nigella Lawsons and Jamie Olivers.**

The Academy - the country's leading professional association of chefs and restaurant managers - has 'adopted' Kensington Junior Youth Inclusion Project (YIP) as part of its community links.

Chefs Idris Caldora and Adam Pickett worked alongside youngsters in the kitchen of the Life Bank to create a feast of good food.

Items on the menu - which the children cooked and then ate - included minestrone soup, tomato and basil bread, rhubarb and apple

charlottes and homemade ice cream.

Maureen Veeney from Kensington Junior YIP - which is supported by Kensington Regeneration - commented: "The children really enjoyed their cookery workshop. Watching them tuck into their creations you could really see a dramatic difference in their reactions to food in a short space of time."

The Academy's links with schools are designed to encourage more interest in food, nutrition, health and hygiene.



**Chef Idris Caldora is pictured (left to right) with Chloe Dunne, Denikah Johnson and Thomas O'Reilly.**

## other languages

For further information please contact Kensington Regeneration on 233 6136.

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## we're all ears

**We want to hear from you about life in Kensington.**

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**We look forward to hearing from you!**



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