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Blazing success

Young people from Kensington have been taking lessons out of the classroom to find out more about the vital role of the fire service.

Through the Prospect 2000 charity 12 teenagers from three schools in the area have completed the first of what will be a series of courses working directly with the Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service at its Storrington Avenue training headquarters in Croxteth.

The Beacon Project has been set up by Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service to raise awareness of fire safety and to give the 13 to 16-year-

olds first-hand experience of the work of the service.

During a 12-week period the boys and girls from the Academy of St. Francis of Assisi, Broadgreen High School and Notre Dame Catholic High School spent one day a week at the training centre on a wide range of the service's work from first aid to recovering 'a body' from a blazing building.

Allan Grace, Prospect 2000 Team

Leader, said: " The aim of the course is to teach the kids about the hazards of fire whether at home, in the street or a public building and about working as a team. It also taught them to respect members of the fire service.

"The course was absolutely fantastic and an adrenalin pumping experience for all involved. The kids didn't want it to finish and the experiences they encountered will stay with them and me for a long time. Some may even want to consider the fire service as a career as a result. The kids worked so hard. I am really proud of them."

During the course the teenagers studied all aspects of the job including breathing apparatus, how to use a cherry picker and operating a fire engine.

Among the highlights was entering a blazing building in all the safety equipment and breathing apparatus and working as a team to retrieve the dummy and also extinguishing a burning screen with the hose.

Parents and teachers also attended to watch the sessions and at the end of the course the young people were presented with certificates in recognition of their achievements.

Hot prospects – the youngsters find out what it's like to tackle a real blaze

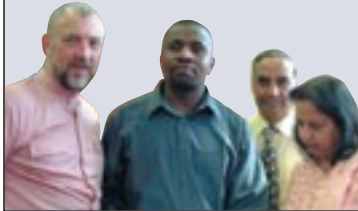
BME Board Members

Kensington Regeneration wants to promote greater involvement of Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) residents and volunteers in its activities by appointing two BME Board Members.

If you feel you could fulfill this role, for which applications are now being accepted, come along and find out more at a meeting at the Job Bank, 4 Tunnel Road at 5pm on Tuesday 6th June.

The Kensington Regeneration Chair, Richie Keenan, and Deputy Chair, David Lewis, will attend and provide more details about why the organisation changed its constitution earlier this year to create these new posts.

There will be plenty of opportunities to put forward suggestions and ask questions at the event which will be the second and final public meeting prior to the BME Board Member selection process formally going ahead during the summer.



WELCOME TO KENSINGTON NEWS

Welcome to the first issue of the new-look Kensington News.

As you can see, it's radically different to the magazine-style publication we have sent you over the past few years.

Instead, our aim has been to create more of the feel of a community newspaper about the publication, and to include in it general news and views about life in this area as well as Kensington Regeneration information.

Of course, we're not 100 per cent there yet for two reasons. Firstly, we're planning to include some more exciting new features in the newspaper and you'll see these introduced in future issues as the year progresses.

The second reason is that we can't produce a community newspaper without your help.

We need voluntary organisations, community groups and individuals throughout Kensington to submit items of news for publication to ensure that the newspaper truly reflects life in our area.

Details of where to send your contribution can be found on the back page.

Turning to this issue, you can read about plans for the new neighbourhood centre at the corner of Beech Street and Prescott Road and also how Kensington's community heroes were honoured at a recent awards event.

We also carry an interview with Jim Burke, Principal of the

exciting new Academy of St Francis of Assisi.

There are also updates on some of our key projects and previews of two of our most important events of the year – the Summer Fun Day and the African Kensington Festival.

And if you've got a few minutes to spare, why not have a go at the quiz, crossword and other puzzles towards the back of the newspaper.


We hope you enjoy the new-look Kensington News and that you will want to work with us to turn it into a true community publication for our area.

In the meantime, we welcome any comments or suggestions you have about the newspaper and what you'd like to see featured in it in the future. We'll do our best to oblige.

With best wishes

Richie Keenan

Richie Keenan,
Chair Kensington Regeneration



Kensington Regeneration announces its new open membership scheme

Kensington Regeneration is introducing a new open membership arrangement to enable local people to get more closely involved in the progress of the agency's work in the area.

Following changes to the organisation's constitution, individual residents can now register as members and attend the Kensington Regeneration annual general meeting to have their say and vote on key issues.

Chief Executive Lynn Spencer commented: "We've been listening to local people's opinions on this matter and we believe this is a positive way of responding to what they had to say.

"Clearly we already have a wide representation of interests in the area via the structure of our Board but the introduction of open membership gives everyone who wants to the chance to get formally involved with us."

For details of how to register contact Kensington Regeneration on 0151-233 6136.



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If you would like to register with us to receive up-to-date information on Kensington Regeneration events, meetings etc via your mobile, please contact us via text on 07976 383790



Plans unveiled for £10 million neighbourhood centre scheme

Kensington Regeneration has unveiled plans for a new £10-million neighbourhood centre at the corner of Beech Street and Prescott Road.

The landmark development on the former ice rink and bingo hall site will include shops and offices including space for health services. 50 new apartments on Prescott Road and nearby Lister Road are also part of the scheme.

In addition, the centre will incorporate a new fire station with community facilities to replace the area's ageing Low Hill premises.

The majority of the funding for the scheme will come from Kensington Regeneration's development partner, CTP Limited. Other partners in the project include Liverpool City Council, the NHS and Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service.

Local people recently had the opportunity to have their say on the plans at a special open day at the Field of Dreams Nursery at St Sebastian's School.

Residents were able to talk to the development team and see drawings of the new centre, a model of the scheme and the proposed programme for construction.

Commenting on the plans, Kensington Regeneration Chair Richie Keenan said: "This scheme, which has been developed after extensive consultation in the area, will transform a derelict site and create an exciting new focus for the neighbourhood.

"By improving the local environment, creating new jobs and enhancing local facilities it will make a major statement about the future of Kensington."

Feedback from local people at the open day was overwhelmingly in favour of the scheme going ahead.

One resident said: "I think the plans are great. As well as providing a range of new facilities the project will smarten up a key junction used by thousands of motorists every day, helping to improve the image of Kensington as a whole."

Another local person commented: "This site has been a wasted opportunity for years so it's good news that redevelopment plans are finally on the table."

However, one resident sounded a note of caution: "It's a good scheme, but I hope every effort will be made to ensure that local traders and local businesses get 'first refusal' on the new shops and offices."

Subject to planning permission, work is due to start on the new neighbourhood centre in the autumn.

Alleyway Project gets into GEARS



Pictured left to right – Jill Kinamouth, Shirley Bannon, Arthur Bannon and Barbara Disley

A group of proud residents in Fairfield can now enjoy the results of their work after transforming an alleyway behind their homes into a private community area.

The GEARS Alleyway Project has been spearheaded by local resident Arthur Bannon, of Adamson Street, who secured £5,000 from the European Social Fund through Expanding Horizons to carry out the work.

Residents of 14 properties on Adamson Street, Eltham Street and Southbank Road have turned the alleyway into a community garden with wall trellises, plants, flowers, small conifers and seating to create a pleasant area for the householders to enjoy.

Most of the work has been carried out by cousins Shirley Bannon, Jill Kinamouth and Barbara Disley.

After gaining the grant and the go-ahead from Liverpool City Council – and overcoming a few small setbacks along the way – the residents set about converting the area and are now encouraging other residents in Kensington to do the same.

Arthur said: "The money was very well spent and I'm sure if other people had a look at what we have achieved I am sure they would like to do the same with their alleyways.

"Some of the residents were a bit sceptical at first but were soon won over and everyone is pleased with the finished result."

The residents, who were supported with the project by Kensington Regeneration and Groundwork, hope to officially open the alleyway later this summer when all the plants will be looking their best.



Richie Keenan is pictured during the visit with Norma Williams (left) and Rosemary Hawley

High Sheriff visits

Merseyside High Sheriff Rosemary Hawley completed a packed, whistlestop tour of Kensington Regeneration projects as one of her final engagements in the role.

Accompanied by Board Chair Richie Keenan, Chief Executive Lynn Spencer and Housing Committee Chair Norma Williams, Rosemary was picked up from her home in the Kensington Regeneration-funded taxi and given a guided tour of the area.

During the tour the party visited the Kensington Community Sports Centre and the Life Bank where she was particularly impressed with the

work of the nursery. She was also shown the areas for housing improvements and demolition and the retail 'enveloping scheme' for shops on Prescott Road. Richie Keenan said: "Rosemary was very impressed with the work we are doing and some of the projects that are in the pipeline. It was very nice to be able to show her around and to get her views on what we aim to achieve in Kensington." After the tour it was back to the Job Bank for lunch and to hear from members of the Board about themselves and their reasons for working with Kensington Regeneration.

Lynne in line for top national honour

A Business Co-ordinator with JET Eastern Link who works closely with Kensington Regeneration at the Job Bank in Wavertree is in line for a top national award.

Lynne Debbazi has made it through to the finals of a competition to find the best local government employee in the country.

It follows a nationwide search of council workers by the Local Government Channel and Local Government Association (LGA). She has beaten off the competition from a potential 2.5 million entrants across England and Wales to make it onto a shortlist of six people.

As well as helping people to take up job and training opportunities during the day Lynne's spare time is also spent helping others – she is a school governor and volunteers with young people.

Lynne said: "I am absolutely gobsmacked to be shortlisted for this award, but obviously extremely proud and delighted.

"I get a tremendous amount of satisfaction out of helping people into jobs and training and giving them assistance. Having spent time as an unemployed, single parent struggling to raise a family I know the benefits of having a job, both financially and in raising self esteem."

This awards scheme is so high profile that a short documentary which follows Lynne at work has been filmed for broadcast on the Local Government Channel during the week beginning 12th June.

Sir Sandy Bruce-Lockhart, Chairman of the Local Government Association, said: "We were really impressed with both the number of applications and the calibre of people nominated.

"It was very difficult to select the final six but I am confident that we have found the employees who have best demonstrated their ability to go above and beyond the call of duty in serving their communities."

The winner will be announced on 7th July at the LGA's annual conference in Bournemouth.



Lynne says she's 'gobsmacked' to be shortlisted

My Kenny



“The money from Kensington Communities Investment Fund really helped All Arts in establishing its summer 2004 play scheme. The success encouraged us to stage another one in 2005.”

Antony Manotva,
Manager of All Arts

African Kensington Festival set to be bigger and even better for 2006

Plans are well under way for this year's African Kensington Festival with a wide range of events already planned to promote African culture in the area.

The Kensington Regeneration-funded event will take place over the weekend of June 24th and 25th with activities at Kensington Community Sports Centre and the Life Bank.

The festival is being organised this year by the recently-formed Liverpool African Association which aims to bring people together to celebrate African culture, build relationships in the community and tackle racist attitudes.

The festival is part of a year-long programme by the association to promote music, dance, art, drama, textiles, fashion, jewellery, mask and costume making, sports, social history, storytelling and food. The organisers also aim to work with local schools, youth groups and community associations.

It is expected that the African Kensington Festival will attract more than 1,000 people during the two days. On the Saturday there will be a multi-cultural event at Kensington Sports Centre with a five-a-side football tournament in two categories for the under or over 17s. There will also be activities for families including face painting, music and arts and a presentation of awards at the end of the day. On the Sunday there will be a showcase of African talent

at the Life Bank in Quorn Street with bands, DJs, drumming and drumming workshops, performances from local youngsters, a fashion show, a children's area with face painting, jewellery and mask making and an African clown. There will also be hair braiding and cookery demonstrations and African food and refreshments will be available. The festival will conclude with an evening celebration event and party.

Kenneth Ndingindwayo, Chair of Liverpool African Association, said: "We look forward to welcoming all residents of Kensington in particular and Liverpool in general. We want everyone to enjoy themselves and learn something about the great continent of Africa." For further information on the Festival telephone Kenneth on 0786 123 3226, 0151-703 0200, 07710 425558 or care of the Job Bank, 4 Tunnel Road, Liverpool L7 6QD.



The committee organising the African Kensington Festival pictured at a recent meeting

KENNY IN BRIEF

New series is up Arthur's street

A Kensington-born writer has been making his name on one of this year's most successful new TV series.



Arthur Ellison has been working with another local lad, Jimmy McGovern (pictured above), on BBC 1's acclaimed six-part series The Street featuring top acting names like Jim Broadbent, Jane Horrocks and Timothy Spall.

49-year-old Arthur worked as a plumber before picking up the writing bug and achieving second place in a national scriptwriting competition organised by Channel 4 before going on to work on programmes like Brookside and Hollyoaks.

Arthur, a father of three, was one of four writers who worked on The Street with Jimmy McGovern, penning an episode on the theme of domestic violence.

Apply now for a community grant

Kensington Regeneration has recently launched the New Communities Fund (formerly the Community Investment Fund) for 2006 / 2007. The fund provides local groups with the opportunity to apply for grants of up to £2,000.

For an application form or further information telephone Kris Waite on 051-233 6189 or email kris.waite@liverpool.gov.uk for an electronic version.

Packed houses for local play

Kensington Regeneration-funded First Break Productions recently performed the play Lost Soul to packed houses at Liverpool's Unity Theatre.

Written by Dave Kirby and starring a mixture of seasoned professionals and young people from the Kensington New Deal area, the three performances of the show were a resounding success earning rave reviews in both the Liverpool Echo and the Daily Post.

First Break – an offshoot of Kensington Fields Community Association – are currently working on their next production.

Website update on Edge Lane

A new website has been launched to provide regular updates on the progress of the Edge Lane improvement project.



www.edgelane.info includes general project information, traffic news and suggested alternative routes and public transport options. Visitors to the site can also register for weekly e-mail alerts on potential road disruption.

For those without web access this information is also available on a 24-hour recorded information line – 0151-210 3939.

New police officers join the team

Calls from local residents for more police in the area have resulted in the appointment of Shelley Valiant and Tony Shields to the Kensington New Deal police team.

With funding from Kensington Regeneration the two PCs have just taken up their new positions, doubling the number on the team. They join Sergeant Simon Joyce and Constable George Rees.

Sgt Joyce said: "As a result of funding the team this year was just George and I so we are delighted to welcome Shelley and Tony. The local residents had said that they wanted more police and Kensington Regeneration were pleased that people wanted more bobbies and funded the new positions.

"We are now in a better position to work more closely with the community and attend more meetings to hear residents' concerns and issues, respond to their calls and to have increased day-to-day contact with them."

Shelley has worked in the police for eight years. She said: "I am really looking forward to the challenges of working in the Kensington NDC area and I feel really privileged to be offered the position."

Tony has been in the police for two years and is also looking forward to being a dedicated officer for the Kensington Regeneration area. He previously worked as a crime scene investigator based in Liverpool North, a position he held for three years.

He said: "I am looking forward to this new job and learning from my colleagues on the team who have been here a few years and who can pass on what they know to me."

To contact the Kensington New Deal Police Team telephone 0151-777 4300.



Ready for action – new team members Tony Shields and Shelley Valiant

New vehicle will help to tackle local crime

A new police vehicle funded by Kensington Regeneration is helping in the fight against crime in the area.

The 10-seater minibus with a cell in the back will be used by the local team of four officers – also funded by the regeneration agency – as a high-profile presence on local streets.

Unusually for a Merseyside Police vehicle, it bears the name and logo of Kensington Regeneration as a signal to local residents of the organisation's role in tackling crime.

Local resident Enid Bristow who is Deputy Chair of Kensington's

Community and Quality of Life Committee, said: "We want to make Kensington a safer and better place to live and Kensington Regeneration has already funded a range of measures including cctv, alleygating, security locks and 'Smart Water' identity kits for businesses, schools and the local police team. This minibus is another way of making people feel safer in their own neighbourhoods."

The minibus was unveiled at a community safety event at Fairfield Police Club organised by the Kensington police team and attended by around 150 people.



Enid Bristow of Kensington Regeneration and Sgt Simon Joyce are pictured with the new Kensington-dedicated police vehicle



Rose Cody from Edge Hill Credit Union is pictured with Sacred Heart pupils Jordanna Morton, Vani Mantha, Peter Fairhurst and Sibill Devassy

Banking on savings scheme success

School children in the Kensington area of Liverpool are being given the chance to train as junior bank clerks by a new savings scheme.

The Kensington Regeneration-backed project is being launched at Sacred Heart Primary School in Hall Lane and aims to teach children about handling money.

The scheme will be run by Edge Hill Credit Union and the children

will be allowed to save as little or as much as they want. The money will be collected around the school by selected pupils who will have to check and balance the cash before it is passed to the credit union.

"We will be inviting the older pupils to apply for a job as bank clerks in a way" said Val Evans, a Development Officer at Edge Hill Credit Union.

"Those selected will be responsible

for helping pupils fill in the membership forms for the scheme, collecting the money and accounting for the sums involved. The pupils involved will also have to sign confidentiality agreements to make sure they don't divulge how much individuals are saving."

Sacred Heart Head Teacher Charles Daniels added: "This is a wonderful opportunity for all our children to become active savers."

Qualifications for community workers

Funding from Kensington Regeneration has helped nine local youth and community workers boost their skills and qualifications.

The residents have successfully completed two years of training and assessments to achieve NVQ qualifications at either level two or three.

The participants are all either paid staff or volunteers currently working

in youth and community projects.

Michelle Hassan, a Community Warden in Kensington, gained a NVQ level 2 in community work. She said: "It was really enjoyable and the assessors were very helpful. I'd like to use this to eventually get more involved in other community projects."

Kensington Regeneration's Deputy Chair of Lifelong Learning, Enterprise and Employment, Doreen

Morris, said: "We are committed to lifelong learning and we see funding these workers as an investment in our community.

"The people involved in this will go on to use the skills they have acquired and the qualifications they have gained to benefit community organisations and projects in our area which is good news for Kensington as a whole."

Some of the workers are pictured celebrating their qualifications success





MERSEYSIDE
POLICE

REMINDER

Merseyside Police are reminding residents to keep doors and windows locked and their keys out of sight to ensure they are not victims of an 'easy' burglary.

THEIR ADVICE IS:

- ✓ Lock up every time - even if you are in.
- ✓ Fit at least the minimum standard five lever mortice locks to all your external doors.
- ✓ Take your keys with you when you go to bed but leave them in a place accessible to other members of your household in case of emergency.
- ✓ When hiding spare keys outside, avoid all the obvious places.
- ✓ Think about fitting external lighting - this can deter thieves.
- ✓ If you have a garden, don't let it provide cover for burglars.

Academy is area flagship

Playing host to visits by Prime Minister Tony Blair and Conservative Leader David Cameron isn't a common occurrence for most Head Teachers.

Nor is welcoming dozens of experts from all over the country arriving at your school to see what makes it so special, or receiving requests from television production companies keen to make reality TV shows about the progress of the facility.

But events like these are all in a day's work for Jim Burke, Principal of the new Academy of St Francis of Assisi, which is set to be one of the jewels in the crown of the regeneration of Kensington.

"We've had a remarkable variety of visitors in the six months or so since we opened," says Jim, who has spent almost all his teaching career in Liverpool and Knowsley and moved to Kensington from a position as Head of Cardinal Heenan Catholic High School in West Derby.

"However, they've all been very welcome because their visits have been a great opportunity for us to fly the flag for the school and for Kensington as a whole."

Of course, for local residents, the Academy is 'special' because, up until last year, there was no high school in Kensington and children had to travel outside the area for their secondary education.

Now the area boasts the spanking-new, £21-million facility for 900 pupils in Newsham Park thanks to sponsorship to the tune of £2 million from the Anglican Diocese of Liverpool and the city's Roman Catholic Archdiocese and the efforts of Kensington Regeneration and the local neighbourhood partnership.

But for the politicians and experts visiting the Academy, the school is 'special' for a different reason – it's 'green' focus as the only City Academy in the country with the environment as its theme.

"Most academies take subjects like sport or ICT as their specialities," says Jim Burke.

THE BIG INTERVIEW

JIM BURKE

Principal of the Academy of St Francis of Assisi

"But putting the spotlight on the environment is a very exciting approach which has been integrated into the design of the facility, the way that we teach and the whole ethos of the school."

The Academy building certainly incorporates a range of 'green' features which belie its space-age appearance. They include a solar atrium which brings warmth and natural light into the building in winter, and solar shading to prevent overheating in summer.

CONVERT ENERGY
Rainwater is collected for re-use to minimise water consumption, while photo-voltaic cells convert energy from the sun into electricity for the school.

Add to this a range of other features including an east-west school layout (to maximise solar benefits), super-insulated roofs and walls and some roofs covered with sedum plants as a habitat for birds and it's clear what's got the experts so interested in the Academy.

"We're very pleased with the building but as it's only been finally finished recently we're still getting used to it," says Jim Burke, who points to the creation of an Eco Council as another exciting 'green' feature of the Academy.

This sees the students themselves taking the lead on issues such as writing an eco-policy for the school, tackling litter and recycling ink cartridges and mobile phones.

The Council is also heading up exciting plans to create a garden area at the front of the school, a



Jim Burke outside the high-tech school building

project that has attracted the attention of John Craven's Countryfile programme on BBC TV.

However, despite all this high-profile activity, Jim Burke is quick to point out that the key role of the Academy remains the motivation of the youngsters and raising aspirations and standards of achievement in key exams.

As a new school, there are no GCSE results to hand as yet, but Jim Burke believes the signs are encouraging:

GOOD TEAM
"We've gathered together a really good team of teachers and admin staff here and our students seem to be responding to this. They are proud of their new school and seem to be very aware that they are in at the start of an exciting new development for the area."

This enthusiasm is reflected in the fact that students were actually involved in developing the uniform for the school which incorporates an unusual kilt design. (The Academy is now selling this uniform direct to students rather than via retailers, keeping costs down for parents).

Looking to the future, another key aim of the the Academy is to ensure that its facilities can be used by as many local people as possible.

The building is already used by a number of groups outside school hours and plans are in the pipeline to convert the adjacent park lodge into a community learning centre that will offer a wide range of education and training courses to local residents.

"There's currently a lot of interest in the Academy amongst parents which is why we were oversubscribed for our first year," concludes Jim Burke. "However, the school was created for the Kensington community and it's important that our prime concern continues to be to serve that community in the future."



Students benefit from the latest facilities and equipment

Cash boost for schools

Schools in Kensington are celebrating a £120,000 cash boost to help them buy state-of-the-art new learning equipment for their pupils.

Kensington Regeneration is providing the money to the area's five primary schools and the Academy of St Francis of Assisi.

Some of the money will be spent on laptops for the schools, which the pupils will be allowed to take home to work on projects with their families.

"We hope this will encourage both children and parents to improve their computer skills," said John Caton, Chair of Kensington's Lifelong Learning, Enterprise and Employment Committee.

"Helping local children to achieve their full potential at school is one of our key objectives and we are working with Excite, the Education Action Zone, to invest in ways of enhancing the good work already

going on in the area."

The primary schools to benefit are Sacred Heart Primary, Kensington Juniors, Kensington Infants, St Sebastian's, Phoenix Primary.

As well as the laptops, there will be new playground equipment and improvements, interactive smart boards and art equipment and a pack of educational tools for every school pupil in Kensington.

In addition, £12,000 will go towards the work of Asylum Link in Kensington, to support healthy living activities and also their English as a Second Language course.

Chris Muscatelli, Headteacher at Phoenix Primary, is delighted with the extra funds.

He said: "It's an absolutely fantastic addition to our resources. Smart boards enhance teaching throughout the school and we will now have enough to have one in every classroom."



John Caton is pictured at Phoenix Primary with pupils Macie Meila, Abdirahim Hussein and Lauren Doody



'The World in One Community'

Community Awards honour local heroes

Kensington's community heroes were honoured recently at a prestigious awards event at Liverpool's Adelphi Hotel.

And age was no barrier to success at the annual Kensington Regeneration Community Awards with winners in their seventies at one end of the scale and another aged just 18!

Speaking at the event, Kensington Regeneration Chair Richie Keenan, said: "There are so many local people who are quietly spending their days helping others and looking for ways to make this a better place to live.

"It is wonderful to be able to recognise a few of the many good citizens of Kensington."

The top trophy in the awards – Resident of the Year – went to 72-year-old Arthur Bannon from Fairfield.

enjoyed being busy and I hope that the new park will be enjoyed by all ages for years to come."

Arthur also represents residents on the Board of the Parks Partnership and on the Kensington Crime and Disorder Working Group. His latest project is the 'greening' of an alleyway behind local houses with planters, trellises and trailing plants.

18-year-old Jason Kelly, honoured as Young Citizen of the Year, has been involved with Birchfield Park since the tender age of 13.

He continues to play a leading role at the park, running meetings for local youngsters and planning activities at the multi-use games area.

He said: "When I first got involved there was nothing for the kids – nowhere to play football and no youth club – so I wanted to help to create something which would give us somewhere to go and something to do. "This is the first time I have won any sort of award and it really means a lot."

Other award winners included Linda Jennings, honoured in the Heart of Gold category.

Linda has worked at Kensington Primary School for many years, helping local children with reading difficulties. Thanks to her dedication,



Award success for Arthur Bannon and Jason Kelly

many children she has taken under her wing have gone on to do well at school.

Elsewhere, the 2006 Carer of the Year was John Ryan who does a remarkable job looking after his wife Joanie, who

being 'a gentleman who is always ready with a helping hand and a kind word for everyone. He will do everything he can to try and make

Fairfield a better place to live."

Guests at the Adelphi saw Pauline Siu win the Black and Racial Minorities Volunteer of the Year Award.

Pauline became Chair of the Merseyside Regional Chinese Association in early 2005.

In just one year her enthusiasm and

drive have helped the association go from strength to strength and contributed to an improved and positive image for the Chinese population in the area.

The final honour – the Community Learning Award – went to Scott Rowland for his volunteering efforts supporting other students on PC maintenance courses at Kensington Community Learning Centre. "He is an inspiration to Kensington and a true reflection of the meaning of community learning," said his nomination.



Frank Carlyle, BBC Radio; Scott Rowland, Community Learning Award and Duncan Ingles, Inner City Solutions

suffers from multiple sclerosis, and his 82-year-old housebound father.

"John has been with me every step of this painful journey. He's amazing," said Joanie.

Norma Lee was recognised as Kensington's Older Volunteer of the Year for her energetic work representing the interests of local residents and tireless efforts supporting the more vulnerable residents of her community.

Meanwhile this year's Good Neighbour Award went to Harry Dermott who was nominated for

At the awards ceremony Richie Keenan thanked the sponsors who backed the event including JobCentre Plus, New Mind, Lovell, BCA Landscape, Community Seven, Central Liverpool Primary Care Trust, South Liverpool Recruitment and Inner City Solutions.

The list of sponsors is completed by Prescott Associates, Merseyside Police, Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service, Neighbourhood Management Services, Merseytravel, Kaleidoscope ADM and Kenyon Fraser.

The awards were hosted by Frank Carlyle, BBC Radio Presenter.



Frank Carlyle, BBC Radio; Pauline Siu, Black and Racial Minorities Volunteer of the Year; and Jeff Hughes, Job Centre Plus

Arthur is a key member of the local GEARS residents' association and of the Fairfield Environmental Group which secured funding for Birchfield Community Park and helped to plan the facility.

Arthur commented: "I have always



Field of Dreams second birthday celebrations

Birthday celebration fun for Mia Hood, Toni Lomas and Stella Ndongzi



There was a real carnival atmosphere when toddlers at the Field of Dreams celebrated the second birthday of the popular nursery.

All the partygoers wore fancy dress for the afternoon of fun and games, which focused on a carnival theme. Waldo the clown and a balloon sculptor entertained the children and members of staff even performed a Hawaiian dance.

More than 50 youngsters and their parents attended the party at the community nursery, which is

based at St. Sebastian's School in Holly Road, Fairfield.

Liz Scahill, who manages the nursery, said: "The party was a wonderful occasion and the children had a fantastic time. The clown in particular really went down a treat."

After recognising a need for a community nursery in Kensington the Board of Governors at St. Sebastian's School set up the Field of Dreams with funding from Kensington Regeneration.

The nursery was named by the school's Head Teacher Dennis

Hardiman after the 1989 baseball blockbuster starring Kevin Costner focusing on one of the film's most famous lines – "If you build it they will come."

And they have. The nursery caters for youngsters aged up to five and has proved so popular that it now only has a few places remaining for two and three-year-olds.

The nursery is open from Monday to Friday from 7.45am until 5.45pm and further information is available by telephoning 0151-264 8945.

Projects help young people to find jobs

Kensington Regeneration initiatives are helping young people across the area to find work.

For example, two young women from Kensington have secured full-time jobs at the local Field of Dreams nursery after undergoing training funded by Kensington Regeneration.

Alison Rainford and Adele Wilding received a training allowance and employer subsidy through

LIFE, the Local Initiative For Employment project, towards a 12-month placement at the Field of Dreams. They have now been offered permanent jobs and are well on their way to achieving NVQ Level III qualifications.

LIFE is funded by Kensington Regeneration and run by South Liverpool Recruitment in partnership with JET Eastern Link.

Donna Crowder, LIFE Project



Field of Dreams, Deputy Manager Nina Young (centre) with Adele Wilding (left) and Alison Rainford



John Caton, Chair of Kensington Regeneration's Lifelong Learning, Employment and Enterprise Committee, is pictured with the new recruits at the Kensington depot

Mentor, said: "Alison and Adele have worked really hard all year and deserve their good fortune."

Alison Rainford commented: "I love it here, I did some of my training at St Sebastian's junior school next door to the nursery, and we are all like one big happy family. Hopefully I can carry on here because I'd love to see the babies I know in the nursery grow up."

Meanwhile, Kensington Regeneration is working with Enterprise-Liverpool to provide opportunities for ten apprentices to help improve the look of the city.

The company responsible for keeping the city's streets clean and maintaining the city's roads, guarantees the successful applicants a full-time job when they complete a one-year apprenticeship.

Places for five of the ten have been funded by Kensington Regeneration through its Transitional Employment Programme.

All the ten apprentices will spend 13 weeks on basic training covering health and safety issues before spending a further 39 weeks learning the ropes to become a full-time 'Street Scene Operative'. The apprentices will also work towards an NVQ in environmental studies.

They will all be based in the city and will help with recycling, graffiti removal, street cleaning, grounds maintenance and highway improvements.

When the first batch of apprentices have 'graduated' into full-time roles another ten will be recruited on to Enterprise-Liverpool's books.

news round up

Joining a gym has never been easier

Are you off on your holidays and need to tone up, or do you just generally want to feel a bit more fit?

Well joining a gym has never been easier! Kensington Community Sports Centre has made it a lot simpler for you to start getting fitter and healthier now.

The centre has introduced a 'fast track' gym membership. This quicker way to sign up to fitness is specifically designed for users who have been members of a fitness suite before, whether in Kensington or elsewhere.

There are two simple questionnaires to fill in and as long as you're happy to get started in the gym straight away, under your own steam, you can join on the same day.

On the other hand, if you have never been a member of a gym before and think you will need some help getting started, don't worry. You can simply book in for an induction and our fitness instructors will show you how to use the equipment and draw up a programme which suits your needs.



The fitness suite at Kensington Sports Centre operates a simple system for paying for your membership that doesn't tie you in to a long-term arrangement.

You can either buy a weekly ticket costing £7.50 that gives you use of the fitness suite for seven days, or a monthly ticket which costs from just £13.50 upwards, depending on your circumstances.

There are no bank forms to fill in. Simply purchase the ticket over the counter and you're ready to go for a week or a month.

Music for Life

Kensington was well represented at the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra (RLPO) schools concerts in March this year.

Almost 500 pupils from Kensington Junior, Phoenix, Sacred Heart, St Sebastian's and the Academy of St Francis Assisi attended the concerts which use carefully chosen pieces of music to link in with other areas of the curriculum.

This year links were made to the City of Liverpool's theme for 2006, Liverpool Performs, with a range of music celebrating sporting achievements.

Looking ahead, the Music for Life end-of-year concert will take place on Tuesday 20th June at 1.15pm at the Philharmonic Hall. The concert will involve musical performances celebrating the achievements of young people from Kensington who have been participating in the third year of the Phil's unique five-year residency. If you would like free tickets to this event please call Becca Linton, Music for Life Project Manager, on 0151-210 3795.

Finally, make sure you don't miss the Music for Life Kensington Community Choir at the Kensington Summer Fun Day on 8th July!

Spotlight on fire safety

One of the key aims of Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service is to reduce the number of fire-related deaths and injuries within Merseyside.

The Community Firefighters at Low Hill Fire Station are continually working towards the safety of the community of Kensington. To achieve this aim, Firefighters carry out home fire safety checks, provide and install smoke alarms and offer fire safety advice. This service is free of charge.

Fire is a devastating and traumatic event in anyone's life and it is a simple fact that most fires and fire-related injuries could be prevented. You can help us to help you. Simply call the Freephone number provided and you will receive a friendly visit from one of your Community Firefighters based at Low Hill. The Firefighter will provide a free assessment and fit smoke detectors in your home.

Call us now on Freephone 0800 731 5958.



DID YOU KNOW?

- You are six times more likely to die in a fire if you do not have a smoke alarm.
- You should test your smoke alarms once a week to make sure the batteries are working.
- A quarter of all people who die in home fires were asleep at the time.
- Smoking materials are responsible for 10 per cent of fires in the home



Carrying out a home fire safety check

Summer fun 2006



Flashback to last year's fun event

A great day out is on offer at the Kensington Summer Fun Day on 8th July.

Once again this is being held at Fairfield Police Club where there will be more entertainment than ever before.

Starting at 11am there is an international theme to the event, with performances by a variety of community groups and workshops in arts, crafts and dance from different cultures.

BBC Radio Merseyside presenter Alan Jackson will compere the fun day and visitors will be able to enjoy fairground rides and other fun and games for all the family.

More than 50 community organisations are taking up the opportunity to showcase their work with exhibitions and entertainment, including young dancers and musicians from Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School and Broadgreen High School. And for those who fail to get the

call from Sven to join Gerrard and Becks in Germany, the organisers have again teamed up with Liverpool Sports Action Zone to run a football tournament.

Located on the lower pitch at the police club, the eight-a-side tournament will have two age categories: 8-13 and 13-16 year olds, open to both boys and girls.

Anyone who would like to enter a team should call Rhiannon Brown on 0151-233 6142.

Kensington Regeneration Chair Richie Keenan said: "This is going to be our best summer fun day yet. I can guarantee there will something for everyone to enjoy, whatever their age – and whatever the weather!"

Representatives of Merseyside Police, the armed forces and Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service are all taking part. For animal lovers, there will be police horses, plus a variety of farmyard animals from Rice Lane City Farm.



news round up



Firm’s sweet success

One of the biggest employers in Kensington has been given a ‘makeover’.

Toms Confectionery – owner of the former Taverners sweet factory – is now known as Tangerine Confectionery following the purchase of the company by a new management team earlier this year. Around 190 people work at the Kensington factory on Beech Street producing gums, jellies, caramels and marshmallows.

In total the company employs 450 staff at three sites, the others being Blackpool and Poole in Dorset. Tangerine employees have also been celebrating after landing a major award. The company was recently voted the best own-label confectionery supplier in the country by trade publication The Grocer. Tangerine Director Steven Joseph commented: “The new name symbolises a fresh start for the business and is part of a strategy to put the company on the road to further growth. “I hope that everyone in the area will be able to share in the ongoing success of the business,” he added.

Soccer champions
Congratulations to the Seymour Kensington Fields Community Association football team who were this year’s champions of the Liverpool and District Sunday Football Premier Division.

After being 21 points behind the leaders early in the new year the team went on a fantastic run, winning nine and drawing two of their last 11 games and eventually winning the title by a single point. Long-serving Secretary, Joe Kidd, said: “What a fantastic achievement for everyone concerned with Seymour KFCFA – the players, committee, management and supporters.” The title win came in Manager John Shortall’s first season in charge.

Save our buildings
Two Kensington buildings have been included in a new list of 800 currently run-down, at-risk buildings across the country that have great potential for the future.

The list, produced by SAVE Britain’s Heritage, includes St Cyprian’s Church and the former police and fire station, both on Durning Road in Edge Hill and Grade II listed. SAVE campaigns for the retention and re-use of buildings that need significant funding to restore them to their former glories. Save’s Buildings At Risk Officer, Ela Palmer, commented: “This list includes some of the most potentially interesting and attractive spaces in the country.”



Maypole dancing – Martin Pinder of Kensington Regeneration with Rebecca Shannon (far left) and Dianne Spencer (far right) of Rutland Mom’s Dancers and Kath Jamieson, Deputy Head of Sudley Infants where the maypole is located

Rediscover England

Kensington residents of all ages are being invited to celebrate English culture.

A meeting will take place in July to discuss different aspects of the celebration whether it is singing, dance or art. Look out for posters around the area with more details of this event. In the meantime a lead is being taken by the Rutland Morris Dancers who are offering a taster programme for children and young people interested in morris dancing. It starts on Wednesday evenings from 21st June and will continue indefinitely if there is sufficient interest. Find out how to join them on 21st June by ringing Janet Grimes on 0151-233 6189 or emailing rutlandmorrisdancers@fsmail.net.

New look for local streets

Work is now well under way on improvements to Cheviot Road, Middleton Road and Lindale Road in Fairfield.

The Kensington Regeneration-funded project to enhance 150 homes and their surroundings, designed by BCA Landscapes, is due for completion this August. Work includes new front walls, gate pillars, railings, planting, painting, rendering and canopies to individual homes as well as pavement, lighting, traffic calming

and alleyway improvements by Enterprise Liverpool. Local residents were consulted extensively on the plans and contractor Bramall has appointed a Resident Liaison Officer to advise local people on the progress of the work and deal with day-to-day queries. BCA is also working with Enterprise Liverpool on designs for lighting and traffic calming measures in 32 streets throughout the Fairfield and Holly Road areas.



Work in progress in the area

kensington summer festival

Saturday 8th July
in the grounds of Fairfield
Police Club, Prescott Road

Don't miss out on Kensington's big day out. There's something for everyone this year, so come along and join in the fun.

Tel: 0151 233 6136 for more details

FREE ENTRY

My Kenny

“I started training at Kensington Community Learning Centre because I wanted to improve my prospects of getting a job. I have learned such a lot and I am so proud – I tell my friends in Kensington that they should come here too.”

Janet Orleans Lyndsey Kensington Resident



NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Kensington Regeneration has welcomed three new Board Members.

Kay Gray has been elected by residents in the Holt Road neighbourhood while Pat Barton and Anthony Graham have been elected by residents of Kensington Fields. Grandmother Kay, of Deane Road, is a former finance manager. She says: “I have been working voluntarily since I retired in Edge Hill Credit Union and helping to run the Needham Road Residents’ Association. I am interested in helping to improve the area, not for myself but for my children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. I want to make this a better place to live for everyone.” Pat Barton, of Adelaide Road, and Anthony Graham, of Hall Lane, were both elected after members of the Kensington Fields Co-operative felt that two members should put their names forward. “I really felt that the residents of Kensington Fields needed some representation on the board,” said Pat.

Pat is married to Peter and has a 17-year-old daughter Laura. She is a Community Liaison Officer with 20/20 Liverpool and prior to that worked as a Neighbourhood Planning Assistant with Kensington Regeneration. Anthony is married to Margaret and has two children, Stacey (25) and Anthony (22). He said: “By joining the Board I felt it was an opportunity to get something done. We had been disengaged for some time so when I was asked I felt it was an opportunity to help improve the area for the benefit of the community.”



Kay Gray



Pat Barton



Anthony Graham

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kensington community sports centre

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Project of the month

Kensington News will be featuring a new regular column focusing on different projects in the area. This issue will look at the work of Kensington Youth Inclusion Project (YIP) following an interview with Manager Peter Brennan.

When was the YIP formed and why?
The Nacro Kensington Youth Inclusion Project went live in July 2001 and our aim is to work with socially-excluded young people from the Kensington New Deal area in partnership with both statutory and local agencies.

What are the project objectives?
We aim to work with a targeted fifty 13 to 16-year-olds deemed most 'at risk' of social exclusion, offending/ re-offending, school exclusion and truancy and to support them back into education, employment or training.

How are the teenagers referred to the project?
Either through local schools, Liverpool Children's Services (LEA), the Youth Offending Team, the Police, Connexions, Social Services or self referral.

Who funds the project?
The YIP receives core funding from the Youth Justice Board with Kensington Regeneration kindly providing the match funding.

Where are you based?
The projects' main office is at 201 Kensington with the operational activity base housed above the Elim Pentecostal Church in nearby Coleridge Street.

What activities do you provide?
We organise a wide range of diversionary sessions and activities after school, in the evenings and during school holidays and

weekends. These include outward bound courses, residentials, sport and educational activities and events, dance, drama, arts and crafts and issue-based work around healthy lifestyles, smoking cessation, sexual health, anti-social behaviour and alcohol and drug misuse.

Where do the activities take place?
As many as possible within the local community including Kensington Community Sports Centre, the Elim activity base and with Liverpool Sport Action Zone. We have taken young people on residential to Bendrigg Lodge in the Lakes and Anglesey as this helps to broaden their outlook and to appreciate on their return what living in Kensington has to offer.

What would you say has been the project's major success?
Being recognised nationally as one of the most successful YIPs in the country, offering a wide and varied programme of interventions and experiences to young people. Last year we completed a successful, rigorous quality assurance evaluation by the Youth Justice Board. We exceeded most of the targets and outputs and the evaluation said that the project showed strong leadership and excellent partnership working. Because of the YIP's success in Kensington the Youth Justice Board, through Liverpool Youth Offending Service, has agreed to fund another YIP in the L4 district of Liverpool this

summer to cover the Anfield, Everton and County wards.

How many members of staff do you have?
We have six staff plus a team of adult volunteers and sessional workers, many of whom live locally including some young people who have attended the project.

Do you work with other organisations?
Yes, we work with other organisations and agencies locally and across the city including Kensington Regeneration, Kensington Community Sports Centre, Liverpool YOT, Connexions (Positive Activities for Young People), Community Seven, Kensington Community Wardens, Kensington Police, Liverpool Sport Action Zone, local schools and other community and youth groups.

Do you run any other projects?
We also run a junior YIP on similar lines to the senior YIP for up to 30 nine to twelve-year-olds supported by Liverpool Children's Fund. We also run the Nacro Liverpool MOVES Alternative Education Programme which is a local authority-funded project catering for up to ten 13 to 16-year-old young people permanently excluded from mainstream education provision.

For further information telephone Kensington YIP on 0151-260 3768 or email kensingtonyip@btconnect.com



Members of the Kensington Youth Inclusion Project football team



Work in progress on the shop improvements SCHEME IS TRANSFORMING LOCAL RETAIL FACILITIES

Work is nearing completion on the transformation of five blocks of shops on Kensington Road.
The work – part of the Kensington Retail Enhancement Programme – is due to finish in July when the shops will be restored to their former glory while at the same time having a new modern feel to the retail frontages.

Work has included the repair of roof finishes, the repair and replacement of windows, the repair of stonework, pointing of brickwork and the replacement of shop fronts.

2020 Liverpool is managing the programme and the work is being carried out by Bramall Construction. Mohammed Altaf from 2020, who is managing the project, said: "2020 Liverpool is very pleased to be working with Kensington Regeneration on this important scheme which will result in significant improvements to the shopping facilities for local residents."

The aim of the project is to strike a balance between the best of the old and the new. It is hoped that the improvements will make a positive contribution to the economic and environmental regeneration and sustainability of the area.

Company set to continue work

Kensington Regeneration is in the process of developing plans for a separate organisation that could help to continue the agency's work in the area beyond its planned 10-year lifetime.

The different legal structure of the new organisation – known as the Kensington Regeneration Company – would enable it to bid for alternative sources of funding and own assets that could generate income to fund future local regeneration work.

Work on the structure of the new organisation and how it will operate is still at an early stage, but as the proposals move forward local people will be able to have their say on the plans which will be featured in future issues of this newsletter.

Join in the Family Fun Day - African style!

everyone in Kensington welcome

Saturday 24th June and Sunday 25th June

at the Kensington Community Sports Centre and the Life Bank (Quorn Street)



AFRICAN KENSINGTON FESTIVAL

For further information telephone Kenneth on 0786 123 3266, 0151 703 0200 or 07710 425558

This event is sponsored by Kensington Regeneration

Holt Road news

In the last issue of this newsletter we launched a new series of regular features focusing on what has been achieved so far in each of the five neighbourhoods that make up the Kensington Regeneration area. Last time we looked at Kensington Fields. This time, the spotlight is on Holt Road.

Over the last five years, Kensington Regeneration has spent £5.9 million on projects in the Holt Road neighbourhood and wider schemes that also include Holt Road.

This funding has already made a big impact in terms of starting to improve the appearance of the area and providing a wider range of services and opportunities for local people.

For example, Kensington Regeneration cash has helped to pay for the construction and running costs of major new local facilities like Kensington Community Sports Centre and the Life Bank.

Both of these centres have proved to be very popular, with the Sports Centre having attracted more than 1,000 members since it opened its doors in 2004.

Elsewhere in the Holt Road neighbourhood there have been improvements to groups of shops, upgrading retail facilities for residents, while extensive expenditure on retail acquisitions in the area has paved the way for a range of other new development.

In addition to these major schemes, Kensington Regeneration has funded a number of other smaller projects that, in their own way, have proved to be just as important to local community life.

These have ranged from the creation of a community garden at the Life Bank to the development of the Kensington Reservoir and nearby sites.

Kensington Regeneration's investment in the Holt Road neighbourhood has included:

• Holt Road development – progression of the environmental audit and strategy	£13,028
• Life Bank garden – community space around the Life Bank	£34,568
• Campus play environment – play area on the Campus site	£30,000
• Kensington Schools Community Aspects – re-siting of footpath between Jubilee Drive and Brae Street – play area at the new school	£100,000
• Kensington Community Sports Centre – contribution towards build costs and running costs	£985,262
• Retail enveloping – improvements to retail frontages in Kensington/Prescot Road (part Holly Road and Kensington Fields)	£885,699
• Retail acquisitions – acquisition of retail premises in Kensington/Wavertree Road (part Edge Hill and Kensington Fields)	£2,693,677
• Kensington Campus – development of the Kensington Reservoir and adjoining sites	£86,405
• Holt Road cultural – restoration and relocation of local artifacts from Kensington Junior School	£10,993
• Life Bank – contribution towards build costs and running costs–	£934,414
• Kensington schools security – provision of security cover for five Kensington primary schools (part)	£66,000
• Smoke/Smart Water – provision of anti-theft devices at five Kensington primary schools, (part)	£36,886
• Community Investment Fund – grants to community groups and voluntary organisations	£28,965
TOTAL –	£5,905,897

MARCONI MEMORIES AS FIRM FINALLY CLOSES ITS DOORS

When Marconi closed down its Edge Lane complex on December 31st last year it ended the company's links with the site that had lasted over a century.

In its 1960's heyday 15,000 people were employed at the plant which was previously known by several names including the Automatic Telephone Manufacturing Company, Plessey and GPT.

By the mid 1980s the number of employees had dropped to around 4,500, a figure that continued to decline steadily until there were just 650 people working at the factory immediately prior to its closure.

Many Kensington residents worked at the complex and in the last issue of Kensington News we asked for your 'Marconi memories'.

We were therefore delighted to receive some fascinating photographs from Harry Dermott, husband of Kensington Regeneration Board Member Pat Dermott.

Space constraints prevent us reproducing all of them here, but the two that are printed give a real flavour of life in the 1970s and 1980s.

The top photograph shows a group of Plessey employees in Blackpool where they were protesting at the 1976 Labour Party Conference

about work being taken off Plessey and given to a French company.

"It was a really cold October day and blowing a gale," says Harry, who is on the far right of the photo. "We were all feeling pretty fed up when we decided to roll up our trouser legs and sing Oh We Do Like To Be

Beside The Seaside on Blackpool prom which attracted a lot of interest from passers-by!"

The other photo is linked to Harry's 29 years of organising the Christmas treats for the children of Plessey employees, including many appearances as Santa Claus himself.

"These events were arranged by the union and subsidised by the company," says Harry. "For many years we actually took all 2,300 seats at the Liverpool Empire for a performance of the pantomime."

Harry established close links with the top names in many of these shows, so much so that in 1981 the stars of Cinderella were invited to tour the Plessey plant.

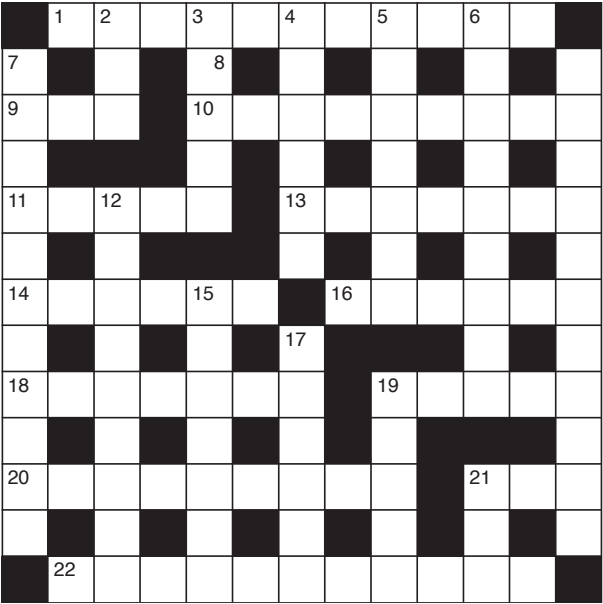
Pictured on the visit are Windsor Davies (right), the late Norman Vaughan and Jillianne Foot with Harry in the background.

Harry adds: "The days of the Christmas events were long and very tiring, but everyone pulled together to make them a success and it was great to see the children having such a good time. Happy days!"

Many thanks to Harry for sharing some of his 'Marconi memories' with us.



KENSINGTON NEWS CROSSWORD



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SOLUTIONS

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Kensington quiz

Here's your chance to test your general knowledge in the first of our new Kensington News quizzes. Check out the correct answers on page 12.

1. Which planet is known as the 'red planet'?

2. They may be complex, vulgar or mixed. What are they?

3. Who was the last British Prime Minister not to have a wife?

4. Which planet did Superman come from?

5. According to the nursery rhyme, what are little boys made of?

6. In which prison did Ronnie Barker and the other inmates of Porridge reside?

7. Which two consecutive months of the year have the most days in total?

8. Which singer has had a hit album called 'Back to Bedlam'?

9. Which Beatles song includes the phrase 'tangerine tree and marmalade skies'?

10. Which musical did the Boyzone number one 'No Matter What' come from?

11. Who managed Manchester United immediately prior to Sir Alex Ferguson?

12. In which Olympic sport are you not allowed to have a beard?

13. Who was the first jockey to win all seven races at a course on a single day?

14. In darts, what is the highest score you can get from three different doubles?

15. What is the only continent occupied by one nation?

16. By what name is the London Orbital Motorway better known?

17. Where is the Sea of Tranquility?

18. What was the title of the first James Bond film released in 1964?

19. On Coronation Street, who was the editor of the Weatherfield Reporter?

20. Which character does Julie Walters play in the Harry Potter films?

21. To which shipping line did the Titanic belong?

22. What is the first animal listed in the Oxford English Dictionary?

23. Which famous TV soap was made in the Yorkshire village of Esholt until 1997?

24. Which famous river runs through Belgrade, Budapest and Vienna?

25. In bingo, which number is 'that famous street in Manhattan' and 'Winnie the Poo'?

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SAFARI READER OFFER

One of the best family days out in the North West is located just half an hour away from Kensington.

And thanks to a great Kensington News reader offer, kids can go free at the attraction this summer when families present the vouchers below.

You can save up to £14 by using these coupons which are valid every day until the end of September with the exception of bank holiday Mondays.

Whenever you go, there's lots to see at the park which is now in its 36th summer season.

New attractions for 2006 include regular bird of prey displays at weekends and during the school holidays.

Presented by the Knutsford-based Gauntlet Birds of Prey Park the displays feature spectacular flying displays by a selection from almost 100 owls, falcons, vultures, hawks, kites and eagles owned by the park.

Also new this year are the park's entertaining Red River Hogs plus three new additions to more than 20 rides in the amusement park area –

the Honey Pot Bears, Minstrel and Jungle Safari.

Safari Park chiefs also expect a lot of interest in Binta and Kifaru, their white rhino 'babies', and the ever-popular mischievous elephant toddlers, Ashanti and Nala.

Safari Park General Manager, David Ross, commented: "The great thing about the safari park is that, because of the behaviour of the animals, each visitor experiences the attraction in a different way and there's always something new to see."

Knowsley Safari Park, on the Earl of Derby's estate, offers a unique five-mile safari drive along roads lined with more than 500 exotic animals from all over the globe including rhinos, camels, buffalo, bison, tigers, wildebeest, lions, zebra, monkeys, deer, antelopes and wallabies.

Although the park's 120-strong troop of baboons remain one of the park's most popular attractions, an

alternative car-friendly route around the monkey jungle is available to those wishing to avoid any potential damage to their vehicle.

Other must-see attractions at the park include sealion and exotic bird shows and a walkaround animal area where elephants, giraffe, otter and meerkats can be viewed at close quarters.

Elsewhere in the safari village the Bug House offers everything from snakes and lizards to cockroaches and ants while there are lambs and goats to pet at Children's Lake Farm.

Knowsley Safari Park is open every day of the year except Christmas Day from 10am.

Tickets are £10 for adults and £7 for children with a family ticket for two adults and two children costing £30.

For more details ring the 24-hour information line on 0151-430 9009 or log on to 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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Can you find 10 Signs of the Zodiac hidden in our wordsquare? We've given you a clue for each one. Words are written horizontally and vertically only.

YOUR CLUES

1. The goat.
2. The lion.
3. The ram.
4. The scorpion.
5. The water carrier.
6. The scales.
7. The bull.
8. The virgin.
9. The twins.
10. The fishes.

SOLUTION ON PAGE 12

JUNIOR CROSSWORD

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ACROSS

3. Vital organ of the body (5)
6. Go ashore (4)
7. Edge along (4)
8. A work sung by a choir (6)
13. Reliable (6)
14. Hit very hard (4)
15. An island in the Pacific Ocean (4)
16. Pages (5)

DOWN

1. Obstruct (5)
2. Irritate (5)
4. Wicked (4)
5. Boulder (4)
9. Suitable (3)
10. You might do this if you were very frightened (5)
11. Its capital is Damascus (5)
12. Stop (4)
13. The captain usually goes down with it! (4)

Across: 3 Heart; 6 Land; 7 Inch; 8 Choral; 13 Steady; 14 Bash; 15 Fill; 16 Steps.
Down: 1 Block; 2 Annoy; 4 Evil; 5 Rock; 9 Apt; 10 Panic; 11 Syria; 12 Haly; 13 Ship.

SOLUTION

Spot the difference

See if you can spot eight differences between these two pictures. Answers on page 12.

Circus skills on parade

Juggling, plate spinning, balloon modelling and diablo were just some of the skills learnt by youngsters at a recent workshop organised by Kensington Regeneration.

The Circus Skills Workshop was held to recruit and train 20 children to take part in the Lord Mayor's Parade on June 3rd as part of the United Colours of Kensington Group.

Members of this group are set to be face painting in the town centre on the day.

Three other groups will join the float representing Kensington in the parade. They are dancers from St Michael's Irish Centre, the Liverpool African Association, represented by the Hohodza dancers, and Merseyside Regional Chinese Association.

Blowing up a storm – Chloe Hussey (left) and Sarah Anne Hughes



The Kensington youngsters are pictured during their interview with John Prescott

Children's VIP visit

Young people from Kensington have taken John Prescott up on his offer to visit him in his office at the House of Commons.

The invitation was made by the Deputy Prime Minister when he unveiled a plaque to officially open the Kensington Community Sports Centre and at the same time announced the £12 million funding for the Academy of St. Francis of Assisi.

The group of eight children and four adults travelled to London just

after Easter for the trip organised by Prospects 2000. During the visit the party was given a private tour of the House of Lords and was later greeted in the lobby by three members of John Prescott's office. They were then taken past the private offices of the Prime Minister Tony Blair, Chancellor Gordon Brown and other ministers to meet the Deputy Prime Minister.

The children were able to interview John Prescott about his career and then presented him with a framed

picture of the Britannic in recognition of his early career as a steward in the merchant navy working for the Cunard Shipping Line.

John Prescott is known for his love of large cars and the day concluded with a private viewing of one of his Jaguars and an invitation from the young people to return to Liverpool.

Allan Grace, Prospects 2000 Team Leader, said: "It was a fantastic day. The kids had a brilliant time. It will certainly be a day they won't forget."

KENSINGTON ALLSTARS



In just their first season Kensington Allstars have taken their league by storm.

The under 15s team, which was set up last August, has not lost a game and is celebrating after finishing top of the Springfield League.

The team was originally set up at Kensington Primary School but unfortunately folded. However, thanks to Janet Kelly, who works at the school, her husband John, son Paul and Dave Williams the team kicked off again.

Since its formation the team has drawn two games and won all the rest and in addition to their league success John was named Manager of the Year at a special presentation at St. Mary Margaret Social Club.

Thanks to Yvonne Mason at the Liver Vaults the teenagers are also sporting a new kit ready for next season's campaign.

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WORDPUZZLER SOLUTION

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1. Capricorn
2. Leo
3. Aries
4. Scorpio
5. Aquarius
6. Libra
7. Taurus
8. Virgo
9. Gemini
10. Pisces

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE ANSWER



KENSINGTON QUIZ SOLUTION

1. Mars
2. Fractions
3. Margaret Thatcher
4. Krypton
5. Frogs and snails and puppy dogs' tails
6. Slade Prison
7. July and August
8. James Blunt
9. Lucy In The Sky With Diamonds
10. Whistle Down The Wind
11. Ron Atkinson
12. Boxing
13. Franki Dettori
14. 114
15. Australia
16. M25
17. On the moon
18. Dr No
19. Ken Barlow
20. Mrs Weasley
21. White Star Line
22. Aardvark
23. Emmerdale
24. Danube
25. 42

notice board

Upcoming dates for your diary:

African Kensington Festival

Saturday June 24th – 10am-4pm at Kensington Community Sports Centre

Sunday June 25th – 10am-5pm at the Life Bank

Kensington Summer Fun Day

Saturday July 8th – 11am-4pm at Fairfield Police Club

Neighbourhood Assemblies

(all from 6.30-8.30pm)

HOLLY ROAD

Field of Dreams
Monday July 3rd

HOLT ROAD

Kensington County Primary School
Tuesday July 4th

FAIRFIELD

Fairfield Police Club
Thursday July 6th

EDGE HILL

Life Bank
Monday July 10th

KENSINGTON FIELDS

Sacred Heart School
Tuesday July 11th

The normal minibus service will run before and after all the Neighbourhood Assemblies – ring Laura Pover on 0151-233 6136 for more information.

we're all ears

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We look forward to hearing from you!



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