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Emma Rigby of Hollyoaks declares the Kensington Summer Fun Day well and truly open!

# Fun day success

**This year's Kensington Summer Fun Day proved to be another outstanding success.**

Hollyoaks star Emma Rigby, who plays Hannah Ashworth in the popular TV soap, joined a crowd of 2,500 at the event at Fairfield Police Club on July 8th.

BBC Radio Merseyside presenter Alan Jackson compered the day, which was funded by Kensington Regeneration and supported by Community Seven, and Merseytravel, and included everything from a fun fair and a mini farm to dance and drama performances.

The popular Kensington Monarch Majorettes entertained the crowds and sports tournaments ran throughout the day, attracting large numbers of youngsters keen to test their skills.

A free bus service was laid on



**In the pink – a Fun Day makeover**

to transport local residents to the site on Prescot Road, where there were also police horses, a fire engine and more than 40 stalls provided by local community groups.

There was also the opportunity to chill out with free, open air tai chi classes.

Richie Keenan, Chair of Kensington Regeneration, said:

"This event just seems to get bigger and better every year.

"We've had a real variety of activities on offer, with something for every age group. It's great to see everybody out enjoying themselves, right here in the heart of Kensington."

● **More Fun Day news on page 5.**



Richie Keenan welcomes local MP Jane Kennedy to the Fun Day

## VIVA ESPANA!

Pupils at St Sebastian's in Fairfield swapped their school uniform for flamenco gear as part of a recent Spanish celebration event.

St Sebastian's is a specialist language school and all its pupils learn Spanish. The two-day celebrations, organised in conjunction with nearby St Cuthbert's Primary School, were the climax of the children's work throughout the year.

Parents and pupils were invited to join in the fiesta fun, which included flamenco dance workshops, Spanish guitar workshops and Spanish food tasting sessions.



Flamenco dancer Carmen Peckett passes on some tips to St Sebastian's pupil Lydia McHugh.



# WELCOME TO KENSINGTON NEWS

**A warm welcome to the August issue of Kensington News.**

First of all, I am pleased to be able to report that the reaction to the new format of this newsletter has been very positive.

People seem to really like the wider range of contents and the 'newsier' feel of the publication.

This feedback is very encouraging, and our aim now is to build on these foundations to make the publication a true community newspaper for Kensington residents.

As part of this process, we want to hear from you with news from your neighbourhood, community group or club.

All contributions are very welcome. Please get in touch with us using the contact details on the back page of this newsletter.

Turning to this issue, there have been a number of big events in Kensington over the last few weeks and in the following pages you will be able to read about the success of the Summer Fun Day, the African Kensington Festival and the Newsham Park Festival.

Another recent highlight for us was the visit of the Deputy Mayor of New York which you can also read about in this issue. It's interesting to think that Kensington might be able to teach the 'Big Apple' a thing or two!

The August project of the month in the newsletter is our bursary scheme which provides financial

support for students living in Kensington.

It's worth checking out whether you, or a member of your family, or a friend could benefit from the scheme.

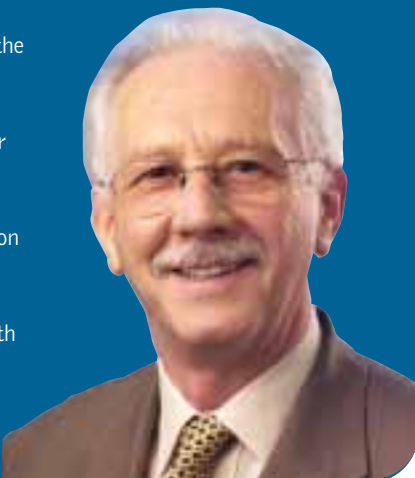
Elsewhere in the newsletter there's a full round-up of news from our area, ranging from local residents finding work on a major construction project to youngsters trying their hand at flamenco dancing at school!

We hope you enjoy this issue of Kensington News. We also welcome any comments you have on the contents, and any suggestions for items you'd like to see featured in our October issue. We'll do our best to include them.

With best wishes

*R. Keenan*

Richie Keenan,  
Chair Kensington Regeneration



## Baby boom!

**Baby goods at bargain prices are on offer to mums and dads in Kensington.**

The regular Baby Basket service is proving a big hit with local residents attending Sure Start parent and toddler sessions at the Life Bank in Kensington and St John's Community Centre in Fairfield.

A weekly stall is set up by Sure Start staff, with equipment from potties to prams selling at prices well below those on the high street.

"We buy in the goods at wholesale prices and then sell them on to parents without putting on a big mark-up, which makes them

much cheaper than in the shops," explained Family Worker Sheila Tindall.

"The idea is that we source good quality items - including high chairs, safety equipment, changing mats, sheets and bibs - and then make them available at affordable prices. It's a very popular service which has benefited hundreds of families since it was set up nearly two years ago."

The Baby Basket operates at the Life Bank on Monday and Thursday afternoons from 12 noon to 3pm and at St John's Community Centre on Fridays from 9.30am until 11am.

**A basketful of bargains - Sheila Tindall (far left) with (left to right) parents Kate Cosgrove, Paula Hollis and Louise Clark.**



**Pictured (left to right) are John Caton, Julian Wilson and Liverpool Land Development Company's Graham Pink with new recruits Steve Morgan, Mick Kewley, Ian Stokes and Eddy Hoyle.**

## Jobs boost for Kensington men

**Four Kensington men have swapped unemployment for jobs in Liverpool's booming construction industry, thanks to regeneration funding.**

The men have been taken on by Alfred McAlpine Project Services to work on the Edge Lane Project, the Liverpool Land Development Company regeneration scheme that is creating a much-improved eastern gateway into the city.

All four men had previously been out of work for some time before funding from Kensington Regeneration made it possible for jobs and training organisation JET Eastern Link to help them gain the skills they needed to find construction work.

John Caton, Chair of Kensington Regeneration's Lifelong Learning, Employment and Enterprise Committee, said:

"This is a great result. This is a very big construction project going right through our area, providing vital jobs. By helping local people get the right skills we can help them secure those jobs."

Julian Wilson, Alfred McAlpine Project Manager for the scheme, said that thanks to Kensington Regeneration and JET Eastern Link the men joined the company with the right level of skills and the right attitude.

## Green boost for homes

**Residents caught up in the middle of demolition work on Wavertree Road have been given a 'green' boost for their homes.**

More than 100 householders on the Crossfield and Durning estates have been given stunning hanging baskets to brighten up their properties while the work is carried out.

Pat Moffitt, Chair of the Crossfield Tenants and Residents' Association, said: "We are smack bang in the middle of the demolition work as we live opposite. We wanted to cheer everybody up so decided to give residents and tenants hanging baskets and they have been very well received."

"The baskets look so nice and have been really exploding with colour in the warm weather. They have really lifted the area. All the households have baskets and others have even been encouraged to plant more as a result so all the roads on the estates



**Maria Hankin is pictured (right) with Donna Siner and Doreen Siner and children Millie and Libby.**

look lovely. It's really paid off."

The cost of providing the baskets was met by housing association Community Seven, fundraising raffles and Roger Kirk-Smith, who worked with residents on a Design Out Crime Project last year.

Pat and the association's Vice Chair, Maria Hankin, arranged the delivery of the baskets and are delighted that many members of the community have already agreed to recycle them and to get together to fill them again next year.

**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**





# Dream High is the message to Kensington entrepreneurs



An exciting new initiative is helping Kensington residents to set up or expand businesses in the area.

It is one of three projects 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 help existing businesses to expand.

The East Liverpool Project – part funded by Kensington Regeneration – focuses on the area from Kensington through to Dovecot and now has about 50 members.

It has recently been named Dream High, and now has a fully-trained Enterprise Facilitator – Claire Baker, pictured left – working with clients in the area to help them achieve their dreams within business.

Claire acts as a business coach to clients, helping them to

identify the obstacles that are preventing them from starting or expanding a business.

She can then ask the panel for help, support or resources to help the client overcome the obstacles.

Claire said “I am enjoying getting to know the local community and will do everything I can to help people realise their dreams. It doesn’t matter how big or small the project may be - I will

work with clients for as long as they need me to.”

The service is free and confidential and is available to anybody who lives locally or wants to set up business in the area.

If you would like to know more call Claire for an informal chat on 07921 372844 or email her on [clairebaker2006@aol.com](mailto:clairebaker2006@aol.com).

## My Kenny

“Since starting our residents group everyone is talking to each other instead of going home and closing the front door behind them. We drew up a wish list of improvements and lots of things on that list have happened. Not only does the area look brilliant now, the community is so much closer.”

Pat Moffitt **Chair of Crosfield Tenants and Residents Association**



Salsa teacher Michelle Brown is pictured with some of the class members.

## Kenny dance fever

Following on from popular TV shows like *Strictly Come Dancing* and *Dance Fever*, Kensington residents are also getting in on the dance floor craze.

More and more local people are following in the footsteps of the television stars by waltzing down to Kensington Fields Community Association to take part in weekly salsa classes.

On average 30 people over the age of 16 take part in the Tuesday evening classes which also include lessons in the Rumba and the Cha Cha Cha.

Susan Robinson, Centre Manager, said: “The classes are really popular but we knew they would be successful as it was members of the community who asked for them. It’s really good fun and encourages community involvement and socialising.”

A qualified teacher, Michelle Brown, takes the classes and anyone wishing to join is welcome to pop along to the centre on Tuesdays from 7pm until 8pm. The classes cost £1, but please note that there will be a short break for holidays during August.

## TO YORK TO YORK

**Residents and friends of Latham Court sheltered accommodation in Laurel Road enjoyed a day trip to York recently, thanks to funding from Kensington Regeneration’s New Communities Fund.**

The event was organised by Bill Mills, Chairman of Latham Court’s Tenants’ Association, who said that

everyone who went on the trip had an enjoyable time:

“They all said the day was brilliant so I am now looking to organise another one around September, but probably slightly closer to home. I was very pleased with the take-up this time – you have to keep organising things like this to keep people involved.”



Bill is pictured with the York party shortly before they set off on the trip.



Year 5 pupils at Sacred Heart are shown the correct way to ride by staff from Cycling Solutions.

## Peddle power

**Children at Sacred Heart School have been peddling their way to safety and improving their health at the same time.**

Year five and six pupils have been working with Cycling Solutions, a social enterprise involved with Merseyside’s local authorities, to promote cycling over a five-week period.

The first session took place in school to ensure that the children were aware of key safety issues and basic skills including hand signals. The other sessions take place in ‘real’ conditions to teach good cycling skills and road awareness.

The course is accredited by the National Standard for Child Cycle Training and on completion all the children were presented with a certificate and a badge. Cycling Solutions aims to promote cycling for its health benefits and to alleviate congestion at the school gate.

# KENNY IN BRIEF

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## Young people have their say

More than 30 Liverpool young people - including Jamillah Moore from Kensington – have been drafted in to have their say on the city’s Capital of Culture plans.

Members of the Youth Advisory Group will give their opinions on all aspects of the celebrations, including artistic events and community programmes.

City Council Leader Warren Bradley said: “They will have an important role to play, providing a fresh and alternative viewpoint for the Culture Company.”

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## First class in first aid

Two children from Sacred Heart School recently showcased their first aid skills in front of civic leaders from across the region.

After completing a course in school Michael Edwards and Courtney Evason, both aged 11, attended the Red Cross Merseyside Annual Forum at Jaguar House in Speke to demonstrate key lifesaving techniques to prove how easy it is to learn.

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## All smiles for healthy eaters

Kensington youngsters were urged to eat healthily to keep their teeth healthy at events organised by Sure Start to mark National Smile Month recently.

Toddlers were able to replace worn-out toothbrushes at parent and child groups.

Children also took part in a Munch and Crunch Programme which involved learning how to cook healthy meals.

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## New guide for mums and dads

A new guide has been published to provide support to Liverpool mums and dads in bringing up their children.

The Safe Parenting Handbook offers parents and carers a wealth of information and advice about the many and varied challenges that looking after a child brings.

It is being distributed to parents through schools, hospitals and libraries. Copies are also available free by calling 0151-233 3700.

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## Youngsters learn road safety tips

Cycling youngsters involved in the Kensington Junior Youth Inclusion Project have been taught vital road safety tips.

The Road Safety and Bicycle Awareness Course involved four two-hour sessions at the BMX Park in Everton.

Topics covered included balance, manoeuvring skills, signalling and bike maintenance.



# From the Big Apple to Kensington

One of the top officials from the ‘Big Apple’ visited Kensington recently to see how regeneration funding is improving life in the area.

Deputy Mayor of New York Linda Gibbs was among representatives from the American city’s Commission for Economic Opportunity who visited the city to see the measures being taken to get more people into jobs and increase prosperity.

Ms Gibbs said: "There are some marvellous people working here and beautiful facilities and materials available to local people.

"In New York we have lots of services available but not a lot of money. We’re keen to see how we can provide more co-ordination to lift

people out of poverty.

“It can be a daunting task and the problems can seem so deep and beyond local people’s control. But the examples we have seen here today seem to be making a difference and can give us some hope."

Chair of Kensington Regeneration, Richie Keenan said, "We have some extremely innovative and challenging projects under way here in Kensington. It’s great that people tackling the problems of poverty and unemployment in New York feel they have something to learn from us here.



Richie Keenan and Linda Gibbs are pictured (front) at the Life Bank in Kensington with visitors from the Commission for Economic Opportunity and local regeneration workers.

## Campaign is improving community safety

More and more local people are backing the drive to improve community safety in Kensington

The Community Safety Task Group has been set up to improve the lives of local people and Kensington Regeneration is delighted with the number of residents keen to join the group after recognising the difference its efforts are making.

The group consists of representatives from Kensington Regeneration, the police, the fire service, Community Seven, the Neighbourhood Wardens, Youth Inclusion Project, CCTV, Business Crime Direct and the community who are all working together and sharing information to improve safety.

Maria Grimes, from Kensington Regeneration, said: “Members of the community are now realising that this multi-agency approach is working and more representatives are attending the monthly meetings to hear at first hand what is happening. They can raise issues, take decisions and play a real part in improving community safety.

“The meetings are really informal and friendly but deal with serious business at the same time. The group is going from strength to strength and being community-led alleviates misinformation that can occur.” Highlights to date have included:

- CCTV has been successful in reducing vandalism and providing evidence to secure 11 Anti-Social Behaviour Orders in Kensington Fields.



- The community has built up strong relationships with the Kensington New Deal Police Team and have worked together on many occasions to address various anti-social issues including vandalism and the removal of abandoned cars.
- The Fire Service is working with various agencies in a number of ways to provide fire safety visits to homes in the area. They are also working with the Sports Action Zone to provide street soccer to alleviate anti-social behaviour.



- The Youth Inclusion Project is providing a range of activities to support young people between 13 and 16 deemed as ‘most at risk’. These activities have gone a long way to help reduce crime in the area.
  - Neighbourhood Wardens have identified illegal dumping spots across the area and in just one week three vans full of rubbish including mattresses, beer cans and hypodermic needles were cleared from one area of Edge Hill.
  - Business Crime Direct has made a positive impact through the Together As One Group. This is a multi-agency group set up to ensure the exchange of information between organisations and to support residents in combating crime in their area. The project recently organised a two-day conference for 250 schoolchildren on the dangers of hoax 999 calls. The conference was so successful that this will be offered to Kensington children again later this year.
- For further information on the Community Safety Task Group contact Maria Grimes on 0151-233 6182.



Kensington Infants School Early Years Teachers Sue Pemberton (first left) and Gordon Kirkwood (third right) are pictured (left to right) with Gareth Rogers and Lucille King-Eeson of Refugee Action and Laura Dutton and Gill Rowlands of EMTAS.

## EVENT PUTS THE SPOTLIGHT ON LOCAL REFUGEE ISSUES

A recent event in Kensington put the spotlight on how local young people could be made more aware of issues affecting refugees in the area.

The workshop at the Life Bank was attended by around 30 youth workers, school teachers, classroom assistants and early years workers.

The session provided practical ideas and information that can be used in the classroom and also gave delegates the chance to take part in activities that helped them to understand what it feels like to be a refugee.

This is the second Kensington Regeneration-funded workshop of this kind. The first was held to explore Chinese culture before the

Chinese New Year celebrations and another is being planned to link in with the Liverpool Irish Festival in September.

Refugee Action and EMTAS (the Ethnic Minority Traveller Achievement Service) organised the activities and helped teachers to plan lessons for the upcoming Refugee Week.

Feedback from the workshop was very positive. Jo Ross from Sure Start said: "This was a useful session - we picked up loads of good ideas to use in the nursery for Refugee Week and beyond."

Other comments in the evaluations included: "Keep up the good work - we are looking forward to the next one!"

## Prestigious gig for Community Choir

The Music for Life Kensington Community Choir played a very prestigious ‘gig’ recently marking the summer solstice on June 21st.

They were asked to perform at an event called Midsummer Dreams, organised by the Liverpool Culture Company.

The concert took place at St Bride’s Church on Catharine Street and showcased some of the excellent creative work currently going on in the city.



## SATs success for Kensington school

A Kensington primary school has recorded a remarkable rise in its SATs (Standard Assessment Tasks) results.

The percentage of children who achieved Level 4 or above in English at Kensington Junior School went up from 58.9 per cent in 2005 to 78 per cent this year.

There were similarly impressive results in science where the 2005 figure of 57.2 per cent rose to 71.2 per cent.

The maths SATs results at the

school were also up, although the rise was not as big as for English and science.

Kensington Regeneration Chair, Richie Keenan, commented: “It’s been clear to me for some time that all the schools in our area are very much on the up and these SATS results are further proof of this success.

“I would like to congratulate the staff, parents and children at Kensington Junior School on their fantastic achievement.”





Sign of the times – autographs from Hollyoaks star Emma Rigby.



Animals from Rice Lane City Farm were a hit with the children.



Oriental fashions on the China Red trade stand.

# 2006 Fun Day is best ever!

This year's Kensington Summer Fun Day once again proved a big hit with local residents.

Around 2,500 of them descended on Fairfield Police Club for the event on July 8th which was

funded by Kensington Regeneration and supported by Community Seven and Merseytravel.

And even the weather was kind to the day's celebrations. Despite cloudy skies the rain held off until right at the end of the event with several periods of sunshine helping to give it a truly summery feel.

In fact, a number of the crowd took the sunshine as their cue to find a quiet corner of the showground to settle down and enjoy an impromptu picnic.

The aim of the Fun Day has always been to offer something for all age groups and this certainly proved to be the case again this year.

Children could enjoy everything from face painting and a fun fair to farm animals and a football tournament.

Meanwhile, for the adults, there were musical performances,

displays, trade stands and a wide range of stalls featuring the work of local organisations.

These included key groups and services such as Jet Eastern Link, Edge Hill and District Credit Union, Kensington Fields Community Association, St John's Community Centre and Merseyside Regional Chinese Association.

Other groups as diverse as the Friends of the Williamson Tunnels and Liverpool Organic Gardeners also took the opportunity to promote their work at the event.

The Fun Day also presented a range of interesting contrasts. At one point there was heavy rock in the performance tent while elsewhere other members of the crowd were enjoying the rousing skirl of the bagpipes.

And while children were checking out the latest high-tech army weaponry at one end of the showground, youngsters were feeding miniature goats at the other.

Local MP Jane Kennedy attended the Fun Day. She said: "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."

One local resident told Kensington News: "There's been lots to do and the atmosphere has been great - very friendly. It's been a good day out, right on our doorstep."

Kensington Regeneration Chair, Richie Keenan, said he was very pleased with the way the day had gone: "I think this year's Fun Day has been the best yet. Everything seems to have gone smoothly and the

event has certainly drawn a big crowd.

"The great thing about a day like this is that it brings the community together - people of all ages are out here having a good time with their family, friends and neighbours.

"At the same time, the event is a very useful opportunity for organisations working in the area to get their message across to local people.

"Of course, the big challenge now is to make the Fun Day even bigger and better for 2007. If anyone in the area has any suggestions about how we can do this, we'd like to hear from you," added Richie.



Local band Scar rock the performance tent.



Feeling green – the Liverpool Organic Gardeners stand.



Kensington Regeneration's Anne-Marie Turner with the Fun Day prize draw winners - Karl Weaver (centre - signed Liverpool football), Brian Lloyd (left - iPod) and David Walton (Liverpool Empire Theatre tickets).



One of the fantastic young Oompa-Loompa performers.



Special Fun Day fashion items proved popular at the event.



Broadgreen Dance Academy members strut their stuff.





# High-tech features reduce school crime in Kensington

**High-tech smoke screens and water sprays have virtually wiped out break-ins at schools in Kensington.**

Smoke Cloaks and Smart Water sprays have been the two main tools in an anti-crime initiative which has seen the number of incidents drop from 32 in 2004 to just two last year.

The Smoke and Water Project is financed by Kensington Regeneration

and is part of a strategic approach to reduce burglary, theft and vandalism.

Smoke Cloak is activated when a school's security is breached. Each area where the devices are fitted fills with a dense white fog in seconds, making it impossible for the offenders to see what they are doing, leaving them disorientated.

This is supplemented by a Smart Water spray. This is activated when

the offenders are in the building and leaves them indelibly marked with a DNA-like substance which is visible under special lights.

The devices have been installed at Kensington Junior School, Kensington Infants School, Sacred Heart Primary School, Phoenix Primary School, and St Sebastian's Primary School.

Since they were installed at Kensington Junior School, there have



Pictured (left to right) at Kensington Junior School - Jenny Comish (Infant Head), Bryn Gorry (Junior Head), Enid Bristow ( Kensington Board Member) and Kensington Police Officers George Rees and Tony Shields.

been no incidents at all. Head Teacher Bryn Gorry said: "We're absolutely delighted as we had so many break-ins when we first moved into the new school building in 2002. Break-ins and vandalism cost schools an awful lot of money and are upsetting for both staff and pupils."

Kensington Board Member Enid Bristow said: "This initiative has been money well spent. The scheme is obviously a real deterrent to criminals."

# Parade focus on diversity

**Five groups from Kensington took part in this year's Lord Mayor's Parade in Liverpool city centre.**

Reflecting the theme of diversity and representing England, Ireland, China and Africa, some of the groups were given pride of place, performing before the crowds on St George's Hall Plateau.

The Kensington performances at St George's were Chinese Tai Chi from Merseyside Regional Chinese Association, the Hohodza Zimbabwean Band and Irish dancers from St Michael's Irish Centre.

Kensington face painters – The United Colours of Kensington – were also involved and set up on Castle Street opposite the Lord Mayor's grandstand and painted more than 150 people during the day.

Young people from Kensington Fields and the GEARS residents' association also took part in the parade, dressed as clowns and demonstrating circus skills.

And the Kensington Monarchs majorette troupe were also a popular feature of the event.



Colourful scenes from the Lord Mayor's Parade.

# Duo join the Board



Lu Lu Ng'wanakilala

**Kensington Regeneration has appointed two new Board Members with the aim of getting Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) residents in the area more involved in its Work.**

Lu Lu Ng'wanakilala and Madelaine Heneghan have just taken up their new positions.

Lu Lu has lived and worked in Kensington for five years and is passionate about issues such as racial harassment, unemployment and community cohesion.

She currently works for Liverpool Network for Change as a BME Outreach Worker and has gained a lot of experience working with refugees and asylum seekers having also worked for Refugee Action.

She said: "A lot of people I worked with have moved to Kensington. Through them I knew that the work that Kensington Regeneration is doing is very good and I wanted to be involved with the new initiatives and changes that are taking place."

Lu Lu is married to Andi Briggs and has a son, Amani, who is just over a year old.

Madelaine wanted to join the Kensington Regeneration board to help improve the quality of life of young people in the area like her 13-year-old daughter Morena.

She is an Action Plan Co-ordinator with the Black and Racial Minority Network, which represents more than 100 organisations across Liverpool. She also has experience working with black and racial minority communities nationally.

She said: "Some of the work I have undertaken in Liverpool has included research in Kensington and I am knowledgeable about issues in the area, particularly those that affect black and racial minority groups. Some of these groups have expressed concerns which I hope to be able to represent on the board."

"I live in Kensington and my daughter goes to Archbishop Blanch. I want to help raise the quality of life for the young people of her generation," she said.



Madelaine Heneghan

# Kensington banner project scores a 'global' success

**It may have been a disappointing footballing summer for England, but a Kensington soccer-related banner project proved to be a major success.**

Young people from the area scored a World Cup winner with a series of banners flagging up non-footballing heroes.

A total of 32 banners - one for each of the World Cup countries - were created as part of a project funded by Kensington Regeneration.

The England banner, created by members of Edge Hill Youth Club, featured George Orwell wearing the national white shirt and the crest of three lions.

Other heroes featured include Kylie Minogue for Australia, King Wencelas for the Czech Republic and explorer

Vasco De Gama for Portugal.

Kensington Regeneration Chair Richie Keenan visited Edge Hill Youth Club to see the youngsters at work on the banners.

He said at the time: "The banners look brilliant. They feature the country's colours as well as a famous face. Of course, some faces may not be known to everyone, but part of the aim of the project is to teach people about historical figures from around the world."

Artists John Potter and Vincent Cleghorn headed up the workshops in Edge Hill, Kensington Fields Community Centre, St John's Youth Club, Kensington Youth Inclusion Project and Asylum Link. The banners were displayed around the area during the World Cup tournament.



Richie Keenan (front left) and John Potter (front right) are pictured with some of the arty youngsters.



# FUN FOR ALL AT FESTIVAL



Drumming up a storm in Newsham Park

The sun shone as more than 1,500 people enjoyed the first annual Newsham Park Festival in early July.

The festival was a fun-packed day with entertainment and activities for all the family. The event has been hailed a huge success and organisers are now looking forward to staging the festival again next year.

Lisa Harrison, one of the organisers, said: "The festival was a big hit and the weather was very hot. Many families took the opportunity to picnic in the park and soak up the atmosphere.

"The day was full of fun and the air was filled with the delicious smell

of the slow-cooked beef from the catering tent. Roll on next year."

During the day the park was filled with music, from pop to African and bagpipes to drumming on recycled plastic tubes and containers. Face-painted children had fun sitting in the police car and using the loudspeakers to make announcements to their friends.

One of the main features of the day was an art project which involved people drawing a self



Children try their hand at first aid

portrait and an artist sponsored by METAL piecing the 100 pictures together to reveal an image of Stephenson's Rocket at Edge Hill Station.

## FAIRFIELD MEMORIES BROUGHT TO LIFE



Some of the Moments and Memories performers.

The history of Fairfield came to life recently in a special drama created and performed by people from the area.

Moments and Memories was staged at the Phoenix School and at Kensington's Life Bank as part of an ongoing history and art project initiated by the GEARS Residents Association and funded by the Heritage Lottery.

Local residents Ann and Shaun Hodgers played several roles in the drama while their daughters Kelly Marie and Sarah Anne performed dances.

Ann said: "The play was based on the memories of former pupils of the old Birchfield School, now called Phoenix, and of other landmarks including the old Meccano factory. Children at the school were also interviewed as well as older residents and the show was written and directed by a professional artist, Michael McArdle."



Parents and tots meetings are always popular at St John's Community Centre

## St John's is at the heart of the local community

St John's Community Centre on Holly Road is at the heart of community life in the area. During the week the centre - which was set up as a registered charity in 1983 - provides a wide range of activities for everyone from tots to pensioners.

Heather Roberts, the centre's Parent Support Worker, said: "The aim is to provide a relaxed and friendly environment where everyone is welcome, a place for people to get out and meet other members of the local community."

On Mondays from 12 noon until 2pm the Community Choir meets for people of all ages. At the same time there is an outreach art club at Phoenix Primary School.

Junior football for four to 11-year-olds takes place from 3.30-5pm. Tuesdays sees a parents and tots meeting from 9.15-11.15am and the popular tea dance for pensioners from 12.30-3.30pm. A new PHAB Club was set up by Play Worker Phil Peel, a former PHAB Club member himself. This is aimed at young people aged 11-16, both those with physical disabilities and the

able-bodied. The young people enjoy inclusive sports sessions, art and craft, computer games and cookery. Junior drama sessions take place on Wednesdays from 4.30- 5.30pm for four to 11-year-olds who are currently working with local arts group METAL.

Children in this age group can also take part in a Junior Club on the same day from 5.30pm until 7pm with popular activities including sports, arts and crafts and cookery.

The popular Pensioners Luncheon Club is on Thursday from 11.30am until 1.30pm where pensioners can enjoy a cooked meal and desert for £2.30. This is prepared by volunteers who are pensioners themselves.

The meal is followed by the Pensioners Club from 1.30-3.30pm, a social event including bingo. Aerobics classes take place later in the evening from 7.30-8.30pm. The week concludes with a Sure Start drop-in and community crèche from 9.30-11.30am on Fridays with a toy library as well as massage and relaxation therapies for parents. ● For information on the various activities call the centre on 0151-263 7212 or email email@stjohnscc.go-plus.net



A poster promotes events at the centre

## Around the world in a week

Children from St Sebastian's in Fairfield travelled around the world recently.....without leaving their school.

The pupils dressed in the national colours of countries as diverse as Japan and Zimbabwe as part of a special Around the World Festival.

A day of performances ended a week in which every class in the school studied a different country – in some cases chosen because one of the pupils in the class was from there.

Deputy Head Teacher Margaret Hagan commented: "It was a fantastic week in which the children learned about the language, food,

geography, history and culture of overseas countries.

"It ended with each class doing a presentation to staff and parents about their chosen country, featuring some very entertaining singing, mime and music. It was hard work for the staff but very rewarding and an experience the children will always remember."

Feeling all white - youngsters from St Sebastian's dressed as French mime artists (left to right) Lydia McHugh, Lauren Roache, Synthia Pambu and Katie Reynolds.



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## news round up

### Project set to tackle domestic violence

A new Kensington Domestic Violence Project is to be established later in the year to tackle the increasing problem of this crime.

The Health Energy Advice Team (HEAT), which will appoint a Domestic Violence Co-ordinator in September, will be set up as a direct result of the REACH Domestic Violence Group. This Kensington-based group is a partnership of many organisations including Kensington Regeneration, Community Seven, Merseyside Police, the Neighbourhood Wardens, HEAT, Sure Start and Social Services.

REACH has been meeting for 18 months with the aim of tackling the problem of domestic violence in Kensington but has realised that a dedicated project and co-ordinator were needed to have a serious impact on the reduction of the crime.

The project will support individuals so that they can regain control of their lives and move forward in a positive and effective way.



### Student volunteers are recognised

Three students from Liverpool John Moores University (LJMU) who have close connections with Kensington have been recognised for their voluntary work.

Jennifer Calvert, a first year law student and Hazel Jones and Philomene Uwamaliya, final year adult nursing and final year mental health nursing respectively, have received Student Citizenship Awards from LJMU Vice Chancellor Michael Brown.

Through Millennium Volunteers Jennifer has been volunteering with Kensington Junior Youth Inclusion Project for three years, working with young people aged from nine to 12 who have been identified as being 'at risk' and of need of extra support.

Hazel and Philomene have launched a range of initiatives to raise awareness of the genocide in Rwanda, working with the students' union, community organisations and local churches.

Hazel was brought up in Kensington and worshipped at St John's Church in Lockerby Road. Philomene is a member of the Kensington BME Task Group and she recently applied to become a BME Board Member.

## Volunteers join forces to clean up historic cemetery

**Volunteers from a range of religions joined forces recently to begin tidying up an historic Jewish cemetery in Kensington.**

Following years of neglect, the cemetery in Deane Road is overgrown, infested with Japanese knotweed and full of discarded rubbish.

However, Princes Road Synagogue congregants have teamed up with worshippers from churches in the Kensington area and community representatives to begin a clear-up.

Princes Road Warden, Saul Marks, said: "I know it is a huge job but we have to start somewhere."

The cemetery, which was opened in 1835, includes memorials to significant early members of the community such as Lewis's department store founder and philanthropist David Lewis.

Also buried there are Charles

Mozely, the first Jewish Lord Mayor of Liverpool, and Moses Samuel, the scholar and watchmaker whose descendants founded the H Samuels chain of jewellery shops.

The church groups were organised by Jim Huthwaite, Treasurer of St John's, Fairfield. His members were part of a local 'grot squad' which had been cleaning up the Kensington area and were recommended by police to target the Deane Road burial ground.

Joined by congregants from Elim Church and St Mary's Edge Hill, he said the volunteers were delighted to take part in the clear-up.

The Old Hebrew Congregation Burial Board (Princes Road) is responsible for the upkeep of the cemetery, which held its last funeral in 1904, but its efforts have been hampered by a lack of funds and traceable relatives.

## PASSING OUT PARADE FOR YOUNG FIREFIGHTERS

**The latest group of young firefighters from Kensington to complete an innovative fire safety course took part in their passing out parade recently.**

The Lord Mayor of Liverpool, Councillor Joan Lang, was the VIP guest at the Beacon Project event at Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service's Storrington Avenue training headquarters.

Organised through the Prospect 2000 charity, the Beacon Project is helping to raise awareness of fire safety and giving young people aged from 13 to 16 first-hand experience of the work of the fire service.

The 12-week course covers everything from first aid and the use of breathing apparatus to operating a fire engine and how to recover a 'body' from a blazing building.



Councillor Lang salutes the young firefighters.

## African festival 2006 is hailed a success

**The first festival organised by the recently-formed Liverpool African Association has been hailed a huge success with more than 1,500 people attending the weekend event.**

The African Kensington Festival, supported by Kensington Regeneration, featured a wide range of events and activities at Kensington Community Sports Centre and the Life Bank.

The event was organised by the association which has been set up to bring people together to celebrate African culture and build relationships in the community – and the event certainly achieved that.

Kenneth Ndingindwayo, Chair of

Liverpool African Association, said: "We felt that the event went very well particularly as it was the first time that we organised it on our own."

"We want the event to be even bigger and better next year and are planning to meet shortly to discuss how we are going to do this."

"I would really like to thank all our sponsors for being so kind and hope that they will continue their support next year and for any other events we are planning to organise in the future."

One of the highlights of the Saturday was a multi-cultural, five-a-side football tournament in two categories. Kensington Youth Inclusion won the under 17s event,

beating Picton Athletics in the final, while Nigeria got the better of Kensington FC in the over 17s.

Other activities included a showcase of African talent with bands, DJs, drumming and workshops and performances from local youngsters.

There was also a fashion show, a children's area with face painting, jewellery, mask making and hair braiding as well as cookery demonstrations and African food and refreshments.

In addition there were more than 30 different stalls and the fire service were also on hand with information on fire safety.

The festival concluded with a party on the Sunday night at Fairfield



Police Club as a thank you to everyone who took part. It was also an opportunity to meet people who had expressed an interest in joining the association.

Members of the Liverpool African Association now plan to meet soon to discuss an event to celebrate Black History Month in October.

A festival of sport...

A festival of food...

...and a festival of fashion.







# Project of the month

The latest project of the month in Kensington News focuses on the success of the bursary scheme which provided support for students from the area.

**Gaining a degree from Liverpool University has not just changed Brenda Marie Whinnett’s career prospects – it has changed her life.**

At 25, Brenda has graduated with a double first in criminology and sociology. It is an achievement won in the face of a rocky start in life and a lack of money.

It was made possible in part by a bursary from Kensington Regeneration. Brenda is one of 80 students from Kensington who have been awarded bursaries since the project began three years ago.

“I received a bursary of £1,000 in my second and third year,” said Brenda. “It was brilliant and was one bit of money I had during my degree course that I didn’t have to pay back. Like most students these days, I left university with a debt from my student loan of about £12,000.

“But the bursary wasn’t like that. I used it to buy a computer

and supplies like paper and ink. There was no way we could all get on the computers at college.”

In return for the money candidates ‘pay back’ the bursary with 40 hours of voluntary work in the local community.

Brenda chose to work at St. Sebastian’s Primary School in Fairfield, helping with the after-school club. She has since secured temporary paid employment at St. Sebastian’s and is now looking for a permanent job.

She said: “Getting this degree has transformed me personally. I now look at life differently and have a lot more confidence. Not to put too fine a point on it, I didn’t have the best start in life and left home quite early.

“Then a few years ago I decided to do something for myself and got on an access course – I’ve never looked back. I could have spent the rest of my life doing part-time menial jobs, but

now I have the chance of a really good career.”

The Kensington Community Bursary Project began in the autumn of 2003. Kensington Regeneration’s Chair of Lifelong Learning, John Caton, describes it as a “win-win” scheme for the area.

“This has been a great success story for Kensington. The regeneration funds have been invested in people who in turn invest their time and energies, not only in their own studies and therefore their own future, but also in the local community. Since 2003:

- **A total of 80 bursaries have been awarded to students aged from 18 to over 60.**
- **Of those, 38 have graduated or are about to.**
- **A third of the graduates are from ethnic minorities.**
- **More than 70 different degree courses have been undertaken at 18 different universities.**

**Brenda Whinnett with the certificate for the degree she has obtained with the help of a Kensington Regeneration bursary.**

- **More than 20 community and voluntary groups in the Kensington Regeneration area have been helped and almost 5,000 hours of volunteer work have been carried out.**

Keith Black, of the Kensington Bursary Project, said: “It’s really satisfying to be able to help people from the area who are trying to improve their education and prospects.”

Applicants for a bursary must have lived in the Kensington area for a minimum of two years and be studying a first, full-time course at an institution of higher education.

The scheme emerged from research in the area which found that Kensington residents saw a lack of funds as the single, biggest barrier to higher education.

Kensington Regeneration works with Liverpool Network for Change which administers the funds. The Kensington Bursary Panel consists of representatives from both organisations and a community representative from the five areas.

## SCHOOLS NEWS IN BRIEF

### Schools release new music CD

Kensington Junior and Infants Schools have released a new CD featuring each class performing its own composition, created with the help of ‘adopted musician’ Andrea Martin from the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra.

Brae Street Beats also includes music from the Junior Choir and pupils playing the violin and the double bass.

The album was sold to parents for just £2 and copies are available for the same price from Becca Linton of the RLPO’s Music for Life Project on 0151-210 3795.



### St Sebastian’s win arts award

St Sebastian’s School in Kensington has secured a prestigious Artsmark award from the Arts Council for England.

The award recognises the school’s commitment to developing its provision in the areas of art, design, music, drama, and dance. Local MP Jane Kennedy has congratulated the school on winning this award for the second time.



### Cooks aim for healthier meals

Primary school cooks from across Liverpool have been involved in a special training course to help tackle childhood obesity in the city.

The intensive six-week course was designed to make them aware of new national healthy eating standards. New measures to be introduced in September include a limit on the number of times chips can be served to children and a drive to give pupils a minimum of two portions of fruit and vegetables with every meal.



### Gardening Award for Sacred Heart

Sacred Heart School in Kensington has landed a top gardening award. The school was the joint winner of the primary school category of Liverpool City Council’s annual Garden Competition. Staff will receive their prize and certificate from Liverpool’s Lord Mayor, Joan Lang.



Doreen Morris (left) visits Gill Downey’s new-look salon.

## Improvements boost for Kensington retailers

**More than 30 shops along Kensington are being given a major facelift with the help of regeneration funding.**

A scheme backed by Kensington Regeneration involves new shopfront windows, repairs to roofs and brickwork and the repair or replacement of windows on upper floors.

The aim of the project is to support local businesses and hopefully attract new traders to the area.

“It looks so much nicer, the shopfront appears bigger and inside the salon it is a lot brighter,” said Gill Downey, owner of

hairdressers Cut Above. Kensington Regeneration Traders’ Representative, Doreen Morris, added: “Supporting local businesses is one of our key objectives and I am delighted that we are starting to see the results of our strategy to create an improved shopping centre, benefiting both shopkeepers and shoppers.”

The work, managed by 2020 Liverpool and carried out by Bramall Construction Limited, starts on the roofs and upper front walls and continues downward to the shop frontages. All the work is due for completion by the end of August this year.

## Youngsters take to the stage

**Around 250 Kensington primary schoolchildren took part in a special showcase at the Philharmonic Hall at the end of June, the climax of the third year of the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic’s five-year Music for Life residency in the area.**

The showcase for the initiative – supported by Kensington Regeneration and the Foyle Foundation – was presented by BBC Radio Merseyside’s Angela Heslop and watched by an audience of over 1,300 children, their families and special guests.



Photo by Leila Romaya



# Fairfield focus

In the latest in our series of features focusing on what has been achieved in the five neighbourhoods that make up the Kensington Regeneration area we put the spotlight on Fairfield.

Over the last five years Kensington Regeneration has invested almost £2.6 million on projects in the Fairfield neighbourhood and wider schemes that also include this area.

This funding has 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, traffic calming measures have been introduced and street and alleyway lighting has been improved across the neighbourhood.

Environmental improvement works have been undertaken in streets including Cheviot, Middleton, Lindale and Grampian and retail facilities in the area have been boosted via a programme of improvements to shops facing Edge Lane.

Derelict land has been transformed into Birchfield Community Park and a Youth Worker has been appointed to develop activities for young people using this new facility.

The education of Fairfield children has also been enhanced by the wider programme of projects in Kensington's five primary schools which has included the provision of laptops and other equipment, security improvements and the Music for Life initiative with the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra.



The work of Fairfield-based community groups and voluntary organisations has been supported with 29 grants from Kensington Regeneration's Community Investment Fund. And Fairfield residents also benefit, of course, from Kensington-wide projects like Kensington Community Sports centre and the Life Bank.



## Kensington Regeneration's investment in the Fairfield neighbourhood has included:

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| • Holly and Fairfield CML - environmental improvements to streets - Cheviot, Middleton, Lindale and Grampian - and enhancement of shop frontages facing Edge Lane | £1,095,825        |
| • Holly and Fairfield environmental improvements - appointment of Delivery Team to progress the environmental audit and strategy                                  | £65,000           |
| • Holly and Fairfield public realm - upgrading of existing street and alleyway lighting and traffic calming                                                       | £561,635          |
| • Lomond/Grampian demolitions - demolition of properties to make way for new housing development                                                                  | £153,821          |
| • Birchfield Road Community Park - creation of a community park on a vacant and derelict site/repair and maintenance                                              | £221,427          |
| • Kensington schools security - provision of security cover for the five Kensington primary schools (including Phoenix)                                           | £66,000           |
| • Music for Life - music tuition in the five Kensington primary schools (including Phoenix)                                                                       | £190,000          |
| • Youth Sport and Outreach Worker - development of youth activities around Birchfield Park                                                                        | £90,919           |
| • Schools Support ICT - provision of laptops for the five Kensington primary schools (including Phoenix) to assist parents in preparation for SATs                | £75,000           |
| • Smoke Cloak and Smart Water - provision of high-tech security for the five Kensington primary schools (including Phoenix)                                       | £36,886           |
| • Community Investment Fund - provision of 29 grants to Fairfield Community groups and voluntary organisations                                                    | £43,321           |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                                                                                                                                                      | <b>£2,599,834</b> |



# Theme park reader offer

Kensington families taking advantage of our special reader offer this month can receive free wristband entry to Southport's superb Pleasureland theme park.

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Pleasureland is one of the biggest and best theme parks in the country with five thrilling rollercoasters

including TRAUMAtizer, one of the tallest, fastest suspended looping coasters in the UK.

There's a gold mine of fun to be found at Pleasureland when you explore King Solomon's Mines, a classic wooden rollercoaster which has joined its big brother The Cyclone. It complements Pleasureland's three steel coasters, TRAUMAtizer, The Wild Cat, and The Big Apple kiddie coaster.

New attractions this year include the Chair-o-Planes, Paint Ball and Big Wheel.

And for good food, bowling and state-of-the-art games visit the Casablanca Restaurant and Bar and Family Entertainment Centre.

All day wristbands cost £18, juniors are £12 and for a family of four they are £60. Please note that height restrictions apply on certain rides.



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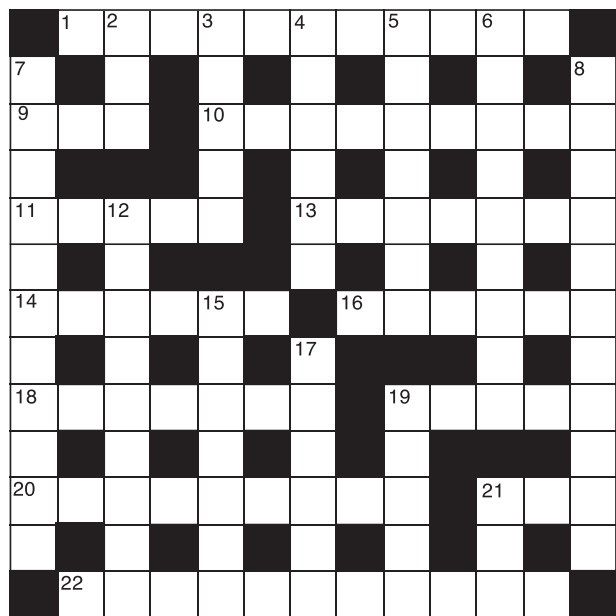
## My Kenny

“I'm working with my husband Harry and other residents to create a new community garden at St Sebastian's Church Hall in Lockerby Road. The first job was to cut down waist-high undergrowth and we received help with this from Kensington Regeneration's Clean Team. It was brilliant when the Clean Team turned up with two extra skips - it made our day.”

Pat Dermott Fairfield Community Representative



## KENSINGTON NEWS CROSSWORD



### ACROSS

- 3-D viewer (11)
- Intimidate (3)
- Rot (9)
- Mischievous (5)
- Narrated (7)
- Make more wealthy (6)
- Satisfy (6)
- Greed (7)
- Dulcet (5)
- Showed (9)
- Hawaiian garland (3)
- Former holder of post (11)

### DOWN

- Haul (3)
- French sculptor (5)
- Happens (6)
- Droll (7)
- Lying face down (9)
- Goes faster (11)
- Absolutely sure (4, 7)
- Assemble (9)
- Scaled (7)
- Feverish (6)
- Teams (5)
- Zodiac sign (3)

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# Kensington quiz

Here's your chance to test your knowledge with the Kensington News quiz and win one of four pairs of tickets for the UGC Cinema at Edge Lane Retail Park. This month's questions were set by Kensington Regeneration Neighbourhood Development Worker, Maria Grimes.

1. MLBLIWABOIRISE is an anagram of which singer?

2. What is the fictional name of the tube station in Eastenders?

3. In which religion is Vishnu worshipped?

4. Which country has been ruled by the Grimaldi dynasty for over 700 years?

5. What are the first names of the children who enter Narnia in the Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe?

6. Name 2 of the 4 presidents heads sculpted on Mount Rushmore?

7. What are the names of the 4 horsemen of the apocalypse?

8. Who commanded the Scottish Army at the Battle of Bannockburn?

9. Footballer Zinedine Zidane was born in which French town?

10. Palaeontologists are scientists that study what?

11. Which cheese is made from Buffalo Milk?

12. Ombrophobia is the fear of what?

13. Who was the captain of the Black Pig?

14. Which original member of Star Trek starred in Gunfight at the OK Corral?

15. In Liverpool, where was Gallows Hill located?

16. Who sang the 1966 World Cup Song World Cup Willie?

17. Which author wrote the novel Lord of the Flies?

18. Who painted The Scream?

19. Which country is home to Kangaroo Island?

20. Which US President won the Nobel Peace Prize for his role as peacemaker in the Russo-Japanese War?

21. Alfred was the name of the butler for which superhero?

22. In the 2006 film Over the Hedge, which actor provides the voice of Ozzie the Possum?

23. Which Liverpool street was the site of Liverpool Borough Goal?

24. The Reverend Philip 'Tubby' Clayton was the founder of which charity?

25. What is the capital city of the Falkland Islands?

Send your entry to Kensington Quiz, Kensington News, Job Bank, 4 Tunnel Road, Liverpool L7 6QD to arrive by Friday August 18th. All correct entries will be entered in a draw for the prizes.

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# SOUTHPORT AIR SHOW COMPETITION

The annual Southport Air Show and Military Display takes place in the resort next month and a great Kensington News competition is giving you the chance to win tickets to the event.

Five family tickets – including parking, if required – are up for grabs. Just answer the simple question below correctly and you could be one of the winners entered in our prize draw.

Southport Air Show and Military Display, on Saturday September 2nd and Sunday September 3rd, is the largest aviation event in the North West. This year will see the welcome return of the ever-popular Red Arrows, who will be appearing on both days and are sure to impress the 200,000 spectators who are expected to attend.

Another attraction this year will be The Blades, who provided the spectacular aerobatic display to open David and Victoria Beckham's star-studded World Cup send-off party. They will be appearing in Southport for the first time, also on both days.

There will be a wide range of other military and civilian aircraft including the latest fast jets, vintage aircraft, helicopters, aerobatic and model aircraft displays, military manoeuvres and parachute displays.

There will also be plenty of entertainment on the ground including the biggest-ever interactive military village with displays from the Army, Navy and Royal Air Force as well as commercial trade stands, army bands, static aircraft displays, assault courses, military vehicles and numerous interactive displays.

There will also be plenty of entertainment for the children including climbing walls, inflatable obstacle courses, flight simulators, a paint ball range, model aeroplanes, photographs with pilots and giant games such as snakes and ladders.

Tickets in advance cost £5 with children under seven free of charge and on the day £7 with accompanied children under seven free. Car parking is £5.

For tickets and further information on the Southport Air Show and Military Display visit [www.southportairshow.com](http://www.southportairshow.com) or telephone 01704 533333.

**COMPETITION QUESTION:**  
Name one of the two well-known aerobatics teams who will be appearing on both days of the Southport Air Show.

Send your entry to Air Show Competition, Kensington News, Job Bank, 4 Tunnel Road, Liverpool L7 6QD to arrive by Friday August 18th.

# KIDS COLUMN

## THE WORDPUZZLER

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How good are you at Cockney rhyming slang? There are 10 meanings hidden in the grid and to help you identify them, we've given a Cockney clue.

**YOUR RHYMES**

1. Frog and toad

2. Mutt and Jeff

3. Trouble and strife

4. Plates of meat

5. Whistle and flute

6. Butcher's hook

7. Lady Godiva

8. Apples and pears

9. North and south

10. Pen and ink

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## JUNIOR CROSSWORD

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**ACROSS**

1. Marvellous (9)

6. Fourth letter of the Greek alphabet (5)

7. Skill (3)

8. Stinging insect (4)

10. part of horse's bridle (4)

13. Tell an untruth (3)

14. Disturb (5)

16. If given this, you'll have to stay behind after school (9)

**DOWN**

1. Woman whose husband has died (5)

2. Nothing (3)

3. Periods of time (4)

4. It surrounds a picture (5)

5. His wife was turned into a pillar of salt (3)

9. Perspire (5)

11. Out (3,2)

12. Wreck (4)

13. Youth (3)

15. A long, narrow, wooden snow-shoe (3)

## SPOT THE SPOT

Can you identify these six well-known Kensington landmarks? If so, you could win one of three family tickets for the UGC Cinema at Edge Lane Retail Park.

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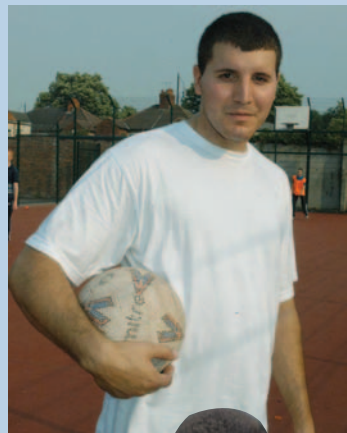
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# Kensington goes soccer crazy

The world went football crazy this summer and Kensington has been joining in with a series of soccer events for members of the community.

ELECT (East Liverpool Economic and Community Trust Ltd) has appointed Michael Salla as Sports Development Worker, a post funded by Kensington Regeneration, to co-ordinate football activities in the area.



Michael Salla

One of the first events was a Refugee World Cup tournament involving three local schools - Phoenix, St Sebastian's and Kensington Juniors.

Each school entered two mixed teams from years five and six in the event which was designed to educate the children about refugee countries from where some young people in the area originate.

The refugee countries focused on during the tournament were Angola, Serbia and Montenegro and Iran. Each school completed a presentation on their chosen country and then took part in the football tournament.

The final was between Phoenix and St Sebastian's with St Sebastian's coming out on top.

A major role for Michael will be to organise events for young people



Action from the Refugee World Cup event.

at Birchfield Park's Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) to encourage them to take part in sporting activities and reduce anti-social behaviour.

Since starting football coaching in March more than 70 young people have already registered to take part in these activities. Michael is at the games area from Tuesday to Friday from 4pm until 7pm when young people can enjoy football or basketball free of charge.

Michael has also worked with Kensington Regeneration and NACRO to establish Kensington United Community Football (KUCF) to organise and coordinate football activities.

KUCF will focus on the inclusion of refugees, asylum seekers and other members of the

community who can often be excluded from sport.

This summer a special five-a-side football league of ten teams is being run at Kensington Sports Centre and the MUGA.

The league includes teams from ethnic minority groups, the police, referees and church groups.

A summer playscheme, organised in conjunction with St John's Community Centre, will also be held at the MUGA, starting on August 7th. Youngsters of primary school age will be able to play a variety of sports with Michael and take part in art activities organised by St John's.

**For further information contact Michael on 0151-230 5194 or email michael@elect.org.uk**



Youngsters involved in the Refugee World Cup tournament.



Pat is pictured with his guide dog Hectar

## Job success for Pat

A Kensington man who is registered blind has landed a job helping other people in the area with their problems thanks to the support of Kensington Regeneration.

After completing a training course with the Partnership's Health Energy Advice Team (HEAT) Pat has just started a job as a Disability Debt Outreach Worker with Wavertree Citizen's Advice Bureau.

Pat has also represented Edge

Hill on Kensington's Lifelong Learning, Employment and Enterprise Committee, although he is stepping down from this role as the committee meets during the day when he will be working.

Pat commented: "I would like to thank all the committee for the work they have done over the past years, and for all the support and encouragement I have received both as a committee member and on a personal level.

"I hope many more in the community will benefit from the committee's work as I have, and I hope to be able to keep involved in the regeneration of our area in some way."

Committee Chair, John Caton, said: "We are delighted that Pat has secured this job helping local residents and we would like to thank him for all the work he has done for us."

## other languages

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### JUNIOR CROSSWORD SOLUTION

Across:

1. Wonderful; 6. Delta; 7. Art; 8. Wasp; 10. Rein; 13. Lie; 14. Upset; 16. Detention.

Down:

1. Widow; 2. Nil; 3. Eras; 4. Frame; 5. Lot; 9. Sweat; 11. Not in; 12. Ruin; 13. Lad; 15. Ski.

### WORD PUZZLER SOLUTION

A	L	N	S	T	U	Y	S	R	Y
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1. Road  
2. Deaf  
3. Wife  
4. Feet  
5. Suit  
6. Look  
7. Fiver  
8. Stairs  
9. Mouth  
10. Stink

### KENSINGTON NEWS CROSSWORD

Across:

1. Stereoscope; 9. Cow; 10. Decompose; 11. Elfin; 13. Recited; 14. Enrich; 16. Please; 18. Avarice; 19. Sweet; 20. Exhibited; 21. Lei; 22. Predecessor.

Down:

2. Tow; 3. Rodin; 4. Occurs; 5. Comical; 6. Prostrate; 7. Accelerates; 8. Dead certain; 12. Forgather; 15. Climbed; 17. Hectic; 19. Sides; 21. Leo.

## we're all ears

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Please get in touch with us using the contact details below, clearly marking all submissions 'Kensington News'.

We look forward to hearing from you!

## notice board

Upcoming dates for your diary:

**Neighbourhood Assemblies**  
(all from 6.30-8.30pm)

**HOLLY ROAD**  
Field of Dreams  
Tuesday September 5th

**KENSINGTON FIELDS**  
Sacred Heart School  
Tuesday September 5th

**HOLT ROAD**  
Kensington County Primary School  
Wednesday September 6th

**EDGE HILL**  
Life Bank  
Tuesday September 12th

**FAIRFIELD**  
Fairfield Police Club  
Wednesday September 13th

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



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