

For further information contact Kensington  
Regeneration on 0151 233 6136.

للمزيد من المعلومات، الرجاء الاتصال على  
Kensington Regeneration مركز تشارتون  
على الرقم 233 6136

欲知詳情，請致電 233 6136 向  
「肯寧頓重建組」查詢。

Pour de plus amples renseignements,  
veuillez contacter Kensington  
Regeneration au 233 6136.

Po dalsze informacje należy  
skontaktować się z Kensington  
Regeneration pod numerem  
telefonu 233 6136.

edgehill fairfield hollyroad holtroad kensington fields

September 2007 Issue 27

# kensington news

Local views, local issues

**...STOP PRESS...**

**UK ONLINE DAY**

Friday October 12th  
Kensington Community  
Learning Centre has been  
honoured as the flagship  
UK Online Centre in the  
North West.

**...STOP PRESS...**

## INSIDE THIS ISSUE



**Kensington  
Regeneration rated  
'excellent' by the  
Government**

PAGE 4



**Parties mark city's  
800th birthday**

PAGE 4



**Focus on the New  
Communities Fund**

PAGE 6



**Our local history –  
Botanic Park**

PAGE 7



### Lording it at Westminster

A group of Kensington youngsters recently visited Westminster and took part in a mock debate with Lord (Bill) Morris, former leader of the T & G Union. Full story on page 2.

# Residents invited to 2007 public meeting

**Kensington residents have the chance to find out more about the progress of regeneration work in the area at a special event later this month.**

Kensington's Regeneration's Annual Public Meeting takes place in the Marquee Suite of the Devonshire House Hotel from 6-8pm on Wednesday September 26th.

The event will focus on the organisation's achievements over the last 12 months and look ahead to its plans for the coming year.

The meeting will begin with an exhibition featuring displays by Kensington Regeneration projects and other key organisations working in the area. Refreshments will be available while the exhibition is in progress.

Kensington Regeneration Chair, Norma Williams, will then present the review of the year, after which guests will have the opportunity to take part in round table discussion groups focusing on some of the most important issues affecting life in the area.

Lynn Spencer, Kensington Regeneration's Chief Executive, commented: "We're expecting a very good turnout at this meeting which is one of the most important events of our year.

"In 2006 more than 150 residents attended the event and we're hoping for even more this time round.

"We want people to come along and have their say on what we've done over the last year, and to talk about our future proposals."

Residents will also be able to collect a copy of Kensington Regeneration's 2006/7 Annual Report at the meeting.



Have your say in discussion groups at the meeting.

## EDUCATION NEWSLETTER

**We hope you enjoy your copy of the special education newsletter with Kensington News. See page 2 for details.**





# WELCOME TO KENSINGTON NEWS

This month's Guest Editor of Kensington News is Kensington Regeneration Board Member, Revd David Lewis, the Vicar of St Cyprian's and St Mary's churches. David has worked in the area for 21 years, but at the end of September he will be moving to Everton to spend his final 12 months before retirement working on a range of special projects for the Diocese of Liverpool. In this article he looks back at his involvement with Kensington Regeneration.

It is obviously important for any church to be at the heart of community life in its area, so I am very pleased that I have been involved with Kensington Regeneration since the earliest days of the organisation, and with other local community structures before that.

I believe that Kensington Regeneration's effect on our area has been overwhelmingly positive.

Projects that I think have been particularly impressive have been those that have helped people to find jobs, the Academy of St Francis of Assisi, the Life Bank and Kensington Community Learning Centre.

I have also been very proud of Music for Life, our other work with primary schools and the bursary scheme.

## NEW OPPORTUNITIES

All these projects have been about giving local people the means to improve their own lives by equipping them with the knowledge and skills they need to create new opportunities for themselves and their families.

I would also like to mention the Winter Survival initiative which was initially based at St Cyprian's and is now known as HEAT.

This project has been so effective because it has found the secret of how to successfully reach out and help the most vulnerable members of our society.

Looking back, I have very much enjoyed my time in Kensington, despite the problems which exist in the area which were the reason it was chosen as a New Deal location in the first place.

I will certainly miss the many local residents with whom I have worked over the years.

I have found it quite remarkable that, despite the difficulties they face themselves, so many people are committed to making a difference and improving the lives of others.

Similarly, as the area has become increasingly multicultural, I have been very impressed by the willingness of residents to reach out across the divide and welcome people from other countries into their community.

Of course as with any major regeneration programme, we have encountered some difficulties along the way. For example, the New Deal initiative was set up with the aim of being community driven and community run. Inevitably, however, when it comes to spending large sums of public money, there are significant constraints on the scope of true community empowerment.

We have also had problems linked to the housing redevelopment in our area. Often criticism has been aimed at us – very unfairly, in my opinion – and we have taken flak that should really have been directed at other organisations.

Nevertheless, major improvements are now taking place and there are real signs that the area is turning round.

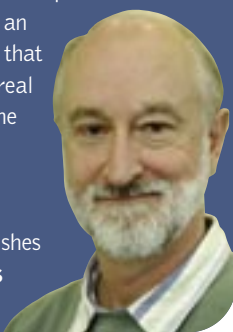
## MANY FRIENDSHIPS

Looking to the future it is, of course, my intention to keep in touch with Kensington, not least through the many friendships that I have developed in the area. And for the next 12 months at least, I will only be based a mile and a half down the road!

In conclusion, I would like to wish Kensington Regeneration every success for the remainder of its programme.

Despite the difficulties we have experienced, I am proud to have been part of an organisation that has created real change for the better in our community.

With best wishes  
**David Lewis**



Something's brewing - Baroness Hayman chats to the young people over tea.

## Kensington youngsters visit House of Lords

**A group of young people from Kensington recently spent the day at Westminster as the guests of Baroness Hayman, Speaker of the House of Lords.**

The visit - organised for teenagers involved with the Kensington Youth Inclusion Project - was part of a new programme to get young people more involved in the parliamentary process.

Youth Inclusion Projects (YIPs) are a national initiative to target young people aged from 13 to 16 who are considered to be most at risk of truancy, exclusion or offending.

Kensington YIP is run by national crime reduction charity Nacro and was recently judged to be one of the top-performing YIPs in the country by the Youth Justice Board.

During the Westminster visit the young people toured both the House of Commons and the House of Lords

and then took part in a mock select committee debate on the issue of immigration with their local MP, Jane Kennedy, and Lord (Bill) Morris, former leader of the T & G Union.

Mark Woodbridge, Nacro's YIP coordinator, commented: "I'm sure the visit opened the young people's eyes to things they hadn't really

considered before and I'm sure it's a day they won't forget."

Baroness Hayman added: "I was delighted to welcome the young people down to parliament. I hope they now have a much clearer idea about what goes on here and a better understanding of the influence politics has on everybody's lives."



**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**



## SLAVERY WALK

**Kensington Regeneration staff joined local police officers on a recent Slavery History Trail walk in Liverpool city centre.**

Under the expert guidance of Eric Lynch the party visited a number of sites in the city which have links to Liverpool's association with the slave trade.

The walk tied in with events to mark Slavery Remembrance Day and the recent opening of the world's first International Slavery Museum in Liverpool.



Eric Lynch takes the lead on the slavery walk.

## Education in the news

**If you receive a copy of Kensington News through the post you should also have received a copy of the New Futures education newsletter with it.**

This special publication puts the spotlight on the role Kensington Regeneration has played in bringing about educational improvements and achievements in the area.

The newsletter also highlights the range of education and training opportunities available to residents at what is the start of the new school and college year.

Kensington Regeneration's Chair of Lifelong Learning, Employment and

Enterprise, John Caton, commented: "Learning can improve people's lives in so many different ways, which is why one of Kensington Regeneration's key objectives since day one has been to maximise the educational opportunities for local people of all ages.

"The New Futures newsletter explains how this has been done, and celebrates the achievements of the schools and other education and training facilities in our area."

**If you did not receive a copy of the New Futures education newsletter with Kensington News you can obtain one by ringing 0151-233 6136.**





Norma Williams is pictured (right) with Richie Keenan, Sara Mullin and Sacred Heart's Year 6 pupils.

## SCHOOL CELEBRATES FIRST-CLASS RESULTS


**A Kensington primary school is celebrating its best-ever SATs results.**

Sacred Heart Primary on Hall Lane has enjoyed three years of continuous improvement since the appointment of a new Head Teacher, Charles Daniels, in 2004.

The school achieved its highest ever Key Stage 1 results in 2005 and standards have remained high. Now Sacred Heart has achieved its best Key Stage 2 results after exceeding a series of challenging targets set by governors, the local authority and the Government.

Charles Daniels commented: "The pupils have excelled themselves this year, along with their outstanding Year 6 teacher Sarah Mullin. The school is once again proudly taking its place at the heart of the community."

Kensington Regeneration Chair, Norma Williams, added: "I would like to congratulate Mr Daniels and all the staff and children. These fantastic results show what a good community school can achieve."



### 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**



Sarah Halliwell of the Steps Project is pictured presenting Sports and Leisure Skills Passports to Kensington residents at the Life Bank.

## RESIDENTS TAKE STEPS TO A SPORTING CAREER

**Kensington Regeneration is helping local people prepare for the expected rapid growth in employment opportunities in sport and leisure in the coming years.**

The organisation is investing £60,000 in the Steps Project which has developed a range of customised training courses leading to 'Skills Passports' for jobs in these sectors.

14 residents recently received their Passport qualifications at a ceremony at the Life Bank.

Seven people had been involved in a sport and leisure retail assistant course and a similar number had completed a leisure attendant course.

The Steps Project has strong links with local employers who have current or future vacancies for people with relevant qualifications. Anyone interested in finding out more should call 0151-263 4356.

# Arts centre on track

**Kensington could have a new arts centre if plans to transform a disused building at Edge Hill railway station get on track.**

As this issue of Kensington News went to press, Liverpool City Council was set to consider a planning application for the centre which would showcase local and international talent.

Kensington arts organisation Metal is behind the plans and will need to raise in the region of £500,000 to fund the project.

The station, believed to be among the oldest in the country, is still a working stop but its buildings are not in use.

The new plans could transform the station into gallery and studio space.

Ceri Hand, Artistic Director for Metal, explained: "We wanted to find somewhere within the area for artists to show their work and this station seemed perfect."

"It has so much history within it and we think an art centre here will



Edge Hill - in line for a new artistic station in life.

be great for the community. People waiting for a train can even come in to see exhibitions.

"We have been based in the area for three years and have asked local residents what they think and the reaction has been extremely positive. We are always keen to hear ideas and more consultation work will be carried out over the next few months.

"We aim to open part of the centre by April next year and have had interest from artists from all over the world. A brilliant knock-on effect would be other people

investing more money here, by starting up businesses like cafes or independent shops."

Metal has the full co-operation of Northern Rail, which runs the station. A spokesman said: "We are trying to bring a number of redundant stations across the network back to life and this project is part of that. It is really good for the railway.

"It brings a presence back into the building and the local community will also see a long-term benefit."



A computer-generated image of what the new arts centre could look like.

## Looking ahead to winter

**Kensington residents were recently offered a wide range of useful information and advice about keeping warm this winter at a special open day in the area.**

The energy efficiency event was organised by HEAT (the Health Energy and Advice Team) at its offices in Durning Road.

Visitors were able to find out whether they are entitled to Warm Front Grants – Government payouts towards the cost of central heating and insulation improvements.

The grants are aimed at parents of children under 16, pensioners and those on low incomes or receiving tax credits or disability allowances.

Residents were also provided with free low-energy light bulbs and referrals for free home safety checks and smoke alarms.

Advisors at HEAT – a registered charity backed by Kensington Regeneration and the National Lottery – were also on hand to give advice on welfare benefit questions and offer tips on reducing energy bills.



From left, light relief from Pauline Downey, Denise Colburn and Eileen Cosgrove at the open day.

## Holt Road clean-up success

**A recent clean-up in the Holt Road neighbourhood resulted in seven skips being filled with rubbish.**

Staff from Enterprise Liverpool, Veola, Housing Market Renewal, Kensington Clean Team and the Probation Service helped to remove items like fridges and cookers from alleyways and to clean up graffiti in the area.

Liverpool City Council's 'rat attack' squad also joined in the clean-up to tackle rodent infestations that are made worse by fly tipping.

The day was organised by the council as part of the Housing Market Renewal Living Through Change programme.

This aims to offer help and support to residents living through long-term regeneration projects.



Local people enjoy the Gresham Street party.

# Salute to city's 800th birthday

**Kensington residents turned out in force to celebrate Liverpool's 800th birthday recently.**

Parties were held at various venues around the area with the help of Kensington Regeneration funding. They included the GEARS Residents' Association street party for local people of all ages in Gresham Street.

This event also marked the seventh anniversary of the association and the day was a real celebration with entertainment and a buffet for the youngsters followed by a party for the adults.

The event was organised by GEARS members Shaun and Ann Rodgers and was supported by the younger members of EAGERS.

Members of Fairfield Area

Residents' Association also braved the weather to host a party for nearly 60 children who had a fantastic time.

The five to 14-year-olds enjoyed a disco, face painting and a buffet at the Police Club and a barbecue was also prepared under cover of umbrellas!

Jubilee and Royston Residents' Association also celebrated the occasion with a party at the Manor House on Edge Lane.

The 800th birthday was officially celebrated throughout the city during the August bank holiday weekend and marked the granting of Liverpool's first charter by King John on August 28th in 1207.

# Praise for the work of Kensington Regeneration

**Kensington Regeneration's success in implementing improvement projects in the area has been recognised by the Government.**

Following consideration by Ministers, Kensington NDC was awarded an 'excellent' banding in its most recent annual assessment.

This assessment focused on the organisation's successful delivery of the NDC programme over the 12 months to the end of March this year.

Kensington Regeneration Chair, Norma Williams, commented: "We were delighted to receive this assessment which reflects the successful way that our projects are tackling key issues in the area including education, community safety, neighbourhood management and the environment.

"This banding means a lot to the Partnership and we would like to congratulate residents, Board Members, staff and partner agencies on their contribution to the success of the programme and the achievement of this very positive outcome."

The achievement of the 'excellent' banding from the Government is further evidence of the improvements in the area that were noted by the latest MORI survey of the benefits of NDC investment, also commissioned by the Government.

This survey revealed that over the last four years the number of people satisfied with Kensington as a place to live rose from 42 per cent to 58 per cent.

The figure for those satisfied with the state of repair of their homes also rose by nine points to 72 per cent.

At the same time, the proportion of people experiencing crime in the previous 12 months dropped from 40 per cent to 24 per cent and there was a sharp 13 per cent reduction to 52 per cent in the number of people feeling unsafe after dark.

Significant progress has been made in improving attainment and achievement levels in education. This is particularly visible in the number of pupils achieving five or more

GCSE's at grades A-C, up nine percentage points to 35.7 per cent.

Employment, training opportunities and household income are all very important in terms of the future prospects of the area and targets have been exceeded in these areas.

Overall, the number of people who think that the NDC programme has improved the area has doubled over the last four years .

More people now feel part of the local community and that residents are now looking out for each other more.

All of these results demonstrate that Kensington Regeneration is making a difference to the lives of local people and improving the area for the better.



## My Kenny



**"I received a postcard in the post about a recruitment event being run for vacancies at the new Academy of St Francis of Assisi. I went to the open day at the Job Bank and talked to advisers from JET who gave me lots of good advice. A few months later I had an interview and now I have a great job, as a technician working in fabrics and cooking with the Academy students."**

**Angela Jones** Kensington Resident

# HOME GROWN MUSIC FESTIVAL

**As Kensington News went to press talented local performers were preparing to appear at one of the area's top musical events.**

The second Home Grown Music Festival was scheduled to take place at Botanic Park on Saturday September 8th.

The event was organised by the Home Grown Music Initiative which exists to develop the talents of young musicians in the area.

Highlights were expected to include a series of drop-in music workshops starting at lunchtime followed by various live performances which continued until the early evening.

The festival was funded by Kensington Regeneration, Community Seven and the Local Network Fund.

Event organiser Sam Ihekoronye from Home Grown Music said: "The 2006 event was a huge success so we were really excited about this year's festival.

"With more than 150 young people from the area getting involved it was a great opportunity to showcase the talent that exists in Liverpool."

Other attractions at the event included BBC Radio Merseyside's interactive studio bus and a bouncy castle and face painting provided by Sure Start Kensington.

# Community garden celebrations

**Cheviot Road residents recently held a special street party to celebrate the completion of their community garden.**

More than 30 local people attended the event which included a marquee with fairy lights and decorations in the trees to complete the party atmosphere.

Local residents headed up by

Barbara Disley have turned an area of land into a 'green oasis' featuring gnomes and other garden ornaments.

The garden complements the environmental improvements that have been completed in the area thanks to funding from Kensington Regeneration.

Barbara said: "We thought it

would be nice to have a get-together to mark the completion of the garden. I'd like to thank everyone for working so hard on the project and for contributing plants.

"We all get on well around here and help each other out if needed. We are all really good neighbours. It's brilliant."



Barbara is pictured (front) with other residents at the celebration event.





The Task Group organised a successful health awareness day. Dana Keating from Davey Chemists (part of the non-smoking campaign) tests Michelle Grace, pictured with four-month-old Katie. Looking on, left to right, are Public Health Neighbourhood Manager Tahir Quassim, Kensington Regeneration Neighbourhood Worker Jane Paton and Anne Gorton of HAPEL (Health Anti Poverty Eastern Link).

PROGRAMME FOCUS

# HEALTH TASK GROUP

**Kensington Regeneration's Health Task Group was set up to raise awareness of health issues and improve health services in the area.**

The group includes representatives of the various agencies working in Kensington, community groups, residents and other parties interested in health. It acts as a forum for sharing best practice and aims to remove the barriers that prevent some local people from accessing the health services they need.

Working with Liverpool Primary Care Trust, the Kensington Regeneration group holds bi-monthly meetings and organises a range of events, conferences, health initiatives and projects. Kensington Regeneration Neighbourhood Worker, Jane Paton, explained: "The aim of the Health Task Group is to provide a focus for everyone involved and interested in the various aspects of health provision in the area. "The group is working hard to extend its contacts to include

other interested parties and to support innovation and enhance the existing standards of health services in Kensington." Among the events the Health Task Group has organised was a successful Health Awareness Day at the Life Bank which was well attended by a number of agencies and members of the local community. Visitors had the chance to learn how to avoid certain aspects of ill health and the day also proved to be an excellent networking opportunity for the agencies, organisations and

community groups working in the health sector in Kensington. Areas that the Health Task Group is particularly keen to support and organise projects around include smoking cessation, mental health, sexual health, teenage pregnancy reduction and substance misuse. For further information on the Kensington Regeneration Health Task Group contact Jane on 0151-233 6189.

## New centre for complementary therapies opens in Kensington

**A new centre offering complementary therapies and wellbeing classes has been launched in Kensington.** Healing Space is a not-for-profit enterprise offering therapies at affordable rates. The project is jointly co-ordinated by Maria Barrington and Eve Lynch who have been awarded start-up funding by Kensington Regeneration, the John Moores Foundation, Expanding Horizons and Awards for All. A weekly yoga class is on offer at the centre, as well as clinics in auricular acupuncture and homeopathy. Other therapies include aromatherapy, reflexology, reiki and remedial massage. Maria Barrington said: "We have located the clinic in the heart of the Kensington community and have been

holding introductory days, which have been really well received." Healing Space aims to provide services to people who wouldn't usually consider complementary therapies because of the cost implications or the fact that they are not easily accessible in the area. Kensington Regeneration Board Member, Enid Bristow, tried some of the treatments at a special open day. She said: "I was feeling a bit weary when I arrived but the clinic had a lovely calming atmosphere. After the treatments all my worries, aches and pains were eased and I felt a lot more relaxed. I would definitely recommend it to anyone." To find out more about Healing Space visit 298 Kensington or contact them on 0151-264 8500.



Making the headlines – Eve Lynch treats Enid Bristow.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Wedding 'first'

A Kensington couple recently became the first people to be married in the prestigious surroundings of St George's Hall in Liverpool. 36-year-old Jayne Moore and 39-year-old Derek Wall said they felt very privileged to be the first couple to take advantage of the hall's new licence for weddings. Around 200 people attended the event which was followed by a buffet which featured a range of local delicacies including fish and chips wrapped in newspaper and bowls of scouse! The wedding was particularly special for the couple as Jayne was diagnosed with cancer in 2005 and their original marriage plans were put on hold while she was treated at the Royal Liverpool Hospital. After Jayne had been in remission for a year they decided to start planning their wedding again, opting for St George's Hall as the spectacular venue.



### 800th recording

Children at a Kensington primary school have recorded a special song to mark Liverpool's 800th birthday. The pupils at Sacred Heart Primary included My Liverpool (Happy Birthday) by Kensington songwriter Bobby Parry on the Songbirds CD they produced recently. Bobby was inspired by his hero John Lennon to write the song which celebrates his love of the city.



### New housing scheme

Developers are being sought for a new housing scheme on Edge Lane. Up to 18 homes could be created on the site next to Phoenix Primary School which was occupied by two Victorian villas prior to their demolition. Liverpool Land Development Company is asking housing companies to submit their proposals for the development. The site, which is opposite Liverpool Digital, is currently occupied by a large Edge Lane Project signboard.



### 6,000 go green

Record numbers of Liverpool people are enjoying the benefits of the city's allotments, according to the City Council. An estimated 6,000 people are actively involved in working on allotments, including more families, young people and schools than ever. Almost 2,000 plots on 23 sites covering around 160 acres of land are now being cultivated by green-fingered gardeners. The City Council is investing significant sums in improving allotment facilities and aims to have all allotments more accessible for people with disabilities by 2010. Around 140 allotment plots are currently vacant. For more information ring 0151-233 6339 or 0151-233 6365.





## PROJECT OF THE MONTH

# New Communities Fund

**Kensington Regeneration's New Communities Fund has helped more than 150 community groups and voluntary organisations in the area over the last six years by ploughing more than £577,000 into their work.**

The scheme - previously known as the Community Investment Fund - gives community groups the chance to bid for up to £2,000 to help stage events and activities that support the regeneration of the Kensington area.

Over the years grants have been awarded for a wide range of activities from the hire of a room for a new group to hold its first meeting to the printing of community newsletters and the production of leaflets and other promotional material for a local art club and drama society.

Other grants have supported training programmes, exchange

visits, street parties, football schemes, environmental projects and days out.

Kensington Regeneration is particularly keen to support initiatives involving excluded and marginalised communities including older people, disabled residents, black and other minority groups, refugees and faith groups.

This year alone 36 local groups have already applied for support and Kensington Regeneration expects last year's total of 74 grants will be exceeded.

Alan Grace, who chairs the panel of residents that considers applications, said: "Community participation is a key element of the work of Kensington Regeneration. We recognise that local people know best what the priorities of their own neighbourhoods are, and that successful regeneration depends on local people having the

opportunities and tools that they need to address these priorities.

"The New Communities Fund has been very successful again this year. We are very pleased to be able to support such a wide range of community projects, all of which involve local people working together towards a common goal."

Organisations wishing to apply for a grant are allocated one of Kensington Regeneration's five Neighbourhood Workers who can offer support and advice on the application process as required.

The panel of local residents then meets once a month to consider applications, ensuring that they meet Kensington Regeneration's broader aims and objectives.

One of the recent groups to receive a grant is the Kensington Football Academy (KFA), a community-led project which is now in its third year.



**The New Communities Fund is helping local youngsters to receive expert coaching in football skills.**

The project recently organised a two-week summer soccer camp which concentrated on all the key technical, tactical and physical aspects of the game.

There were also 'motivational' team talks on topics including healthy eating, showing racism the red card and shooting goals not guns.

The New Communities Fund grant paid for equipment, staff training, pitch hire and other costs linked to running the course which was free to all residents.

More than 50 boys and girls aged from eight to 18 took part in the event and each week a tournament was held so players could demonstrate the new skills and tricks they had acquired.

Head Coach Jonathan Garside said: "The summer camp was great, giving the young people involved the chance to play and learn in a relaxed and fun atmosphere.

"Seeing the kids coming in each

morning with a big smile on their faces, eager to have fun while improving their skills, makes all the effort worthwhile."

Kensington Fields Community Association also organised a recent trip to Eden Camp in Yorkshire for 40 young people with the help of a grant, and funding also helped the Youth Inclusion Project to arrange outward-bound activities for members.

Lister Residents' Association also received a grant for a summer activities programme including a family fun day on the Lister Community Green attended by more than 100 local residents and a day trip to the Camelot theme park in Lancashire.

Local community groups interested in the New Communities Fund can call into the Job Bank on Tunnel Road to find out more, or ring 0151-233 6189 or 0151-233 6182 for information or an application form.



**Residents enjoy the family fun day on Lister Community Green.**



## WELCOME TO BERNIE

**Kensington Regeneration has appointed an Extended Schools Development Manager to work with families and staff in the area's five primary schools.**

The new role has been created to help improve pupils' attendance and attainment and to continue developing schools as community centres.

The new Manager, Bernie Doyle, has 20 years' experience in adult education management. His previous post was as Regional Adult Manager for the Workers' Educational Association in Merseyside and Cheshire.

Bernie said: "There are very good projects going on in our local schools

with some excellent teachers and managers and my role will be to build on the many successes to date."

Projects in primary schools funded by Kensington Regeneration include a parents' room and family learning classes at Phoenix Primary and a nature trail and classes for parents in aerobics, cookery, first aid and genealogy at St Sebastian's.

Other projects include a computer suite for children and parents at Sacred Heart Primary, a family video project at Kensington Juniors and a parents' room and home lending scheme of resources in different languages at Kensington Infants.

## Liverpool to stage 2008 Holocaust memorial event

**Liverpool is to stage the national commemoration event for Holocaust Memorial Day next year.**

It will be held at the Liverpool Philharmonic Hall on Sunday January 27th - the anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz concentration camp at the end of the Second World War.

Plans are in the pipeline for Kensington to get involved in two weeks of community performances and exhibitions leading up to the Philharmonic event.

Christine Shaw, Chief Executive of the Holocaust Memorial Day Trust, said: "In 2008 the eyes of Europe will be on Liverpool as it celebrates being Capital of Culture. There is no better place for this significant event to be held next year than in the city."

The Lord Mayor of Liverpool, Councillor Paul Clark, added: "I think it is appropriate that we take time out from our celebrations and reflect on the evils of prejudice and intolerance and the millions who have died from persecution, including more recent victims in places such as

Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur."

The commemoration event at the Phil is expected to involve music, readings and performances from young people to holocaust survivors, and to be attended by some of the country's leading politicians and religious leaders.







With appropriate funding, a new use could be found for the lodge at Botanic Park.

## LOCAL HISTORY

# BOTANIC PARK

In the latest in our occasional series of articles on Kensington's local history we put the spotlight on Botanic Park.

The origins of Botanic Park can be traced back more than two centuries to 1802, when Liverpool's Botanic Gardens opened on a site near Myrtle Street in what is now the university area of the city.

At a time when foreign travel, exploration and amateur scientific enquiry were very fashionable, the Botanic Gardens were created by historian and writer William Roscoe and his associates as the location for a collection of plants from all over the globe.

As well as promoting the study of botany for its own sake, the aim of the project was to promote botanical understanding for food, medicine, agricultural and industrial purposes. However, admission was strictly limited to members and their guests.

### GARDENS ON THE MOVE

Under Curator John Shepherd the Botanic Gardens flourished for more than two decades, but as Liverpool expanded they became surrounded by new housing, spoiling their setting.

Worse still, smoking chimneys caused pollution in the area and the plants began to suffer.

The decision was therefore taken in 1831 to move the Botanic Gardens to a new location on Edge Lane. This new site was designed by John Shepherd, but financial problems means that the new gardens did not open until 1836.

The 11-acre, members-only facility was surrounded by walls and railings, and the gardens were laid out formally, probably in different plant families reflecting the research role of the organisation. A fine lodge had been built for the Curator.

However, by 1840 the Botanic Gardens were in financial difficulties again and over the course of the next few years the facility was taken over by Liverpool Town Council who gave the public unrestricted

access to the site in 1846.

At some point between 1849 and 1864 the planting was changed in layout and content.

The family beds were replaced by the geometric patterns which still exist today - the curved scrolled beds in the central area and the raised beds in the north east corner.

During the 1870s new glasshouses were created and more and more ornamental plant material was introduced, and as the century progressed the focus of the gardens was increasingly horticultural, rather than scientific. However, records indicate that the facility continued to supply specimens to Liverpool University and schools as late as 1913.

### PINNACLE OF SUCCESS

The turn of the century was the pinnacle of the success of the Botanic Gardens. In 1903 a correspondent on the Journal of Horticulture and Cottage Gardener reported that they were 'second to none for floral displays' and that its attractions including a bandstand and an aviary had attracted 'record crowds' that year.

Unfortunately, it was all down hill from then on. By the mid 1930s the gardens had declined to the extent that the local authority was proposing to redevelop the site for council housing.

Then, in November 1940, the glasshouses were destroyed and the gardens seriously damaged by German bombs in an air raid.

After the war the collection of

rare plants was moved to Calderstones Park, effectively ending the 150-year link with the original Botanic Gardens.

Since then Botanic Park has remained a very important green space for the Kensington area, but clearly only a shadow of the classic Victorian park it once was.

However, in more recent times organisations including Kensington Regeneration have been looking at how the park could be restored to its former glory.

And four years ago a new group - the Friends of Botanic Park - was created to support the facility.

The Friends have organised a number of events to promote the park, including a popular annual Easter egg hunt and a spectacularly successful Halloween evening in 2005.

Earlier this year members obtained funding to re-plant the park's rose beds in the lawn area of the walled garden.

Understandably, Jan Kelly of the Friends is hugely enthusiastic about the park: "It's a fantastic site which has huge potential if we were able to attract the investment needed.

"For example, as well as being a great leisure facility, it could be possible to put the park on the local tourist trail by redeveloping the old air raid shelters and the lodge as an exhibition about the history of the park and local people's experiences during the war years."



One of the many pleasant paths through the park.



## One Kensington wristband campaign

**The silicone wristband craze started when Nike and cyclist Lance Armstrong's foundation joined forces to launch the LiveStrong bracelet to raise money for cancer research.**

Since then many other organisations have produced wristbands in all shades of the rainbow to raise awareness of their causes.

Now Kensington has followed suit and residents can show their support for the area by wearing one of the neighbourhood wristbands produced by Kensington Regeneration.

The 'One Kensington' wristband campaign was officially launched at the recent street parties held to

celebrate Liverpool's 800th birthday.

Kris Waite, Communications Officer with Kensington Regeneration, said: "The idea is to bring people together and to encourage them to work at making Kensington a better place and somewhere to be proud of. We are really hoping that the message will get through to young people in the area."

The One Kensington wristbands are in the five neighbourhood colours - red, orange, purple, green and blue.

Anyone wishing to get hold of one of the free wristbands can telephone 0151-233 6136 or call into the Job Bank on Tunnel Road.

## Pick up a free Beatles mug

**Kensington Regeneration is giving local residents the chance to pick up a piece of Liverpool's musical history, completely free of charge.**

The organisation has 250 limited edition mugs to give away that commemorate the first recording made by members of the Beatles when they were still called the Quarrymen.

The recording was made at the Percy Phillips Recording Studio in Kensington on July 14th 1958.

On that fateful day John Lennon, Paul McCartney and George Harrison were accompanied by John Lowe on piano and Colin Hanton on drums.

The two songs they recorded were the Buddy Holly favourite, That'll Be The Day, and In Spite Of All The Danger which was penned by Paul and George.

The budding mop-tops were charged the grand total of 87.5p for

the session by Mr Phillips who operated the studio at 58 Kensington from 1955 to 1969.

The Quarrymen became the Beatles in 1960 and the rest, of course, is musical history.

Only one copy of the Kensington recording exists and that is owned by Paul McCartney himself.

Kensington Regeneration's mugs were produced to mark the unveiling of a plaque at the studio site in August 2005 by Radio Merseyside DJ, Billy Butler.

Communications Officer Kris Waite commented: "These mugs are a great way of commemorating Kensington's place in pop music history."

The mugs are available to residents on a first come, first served basis. They can be collected from the Job Bank at 4 Tunnel Road during normal office hours from Monday 17th September.





# Honour for garden

**The St Sebastian’s community garden project in Kensington is in line for a top national award.**

The project has been selected as a finalist in the first-ever awards scheme organised by the prestigious regeneration sector magazine, Regeneration and Renewal.

These awards are designed to recognise and reward schemes of the highest merit, and to publicise them nationally as examples of best practice.

As this newsletter went to press the overall winners of the awards were set to be announced at a glittering ceremony at the Hurlingham Club in London.

The St Sebastian’s project – supported by a Kensington Regeneration New Communities Fund grant – involved the

transformation of an overgrown area of land behind the parish hall.

Paths, ramps and raised flower beds were created, and a number of benches installed.

After months of hard work, the new St Sebastian’s community garden was officially opened during the summer.

Commenting on the garden’s success Kensington Regeneration Chief Executive, Lynn Spencer, said: ‘This was a great project involving a large number of local residents. We’ve all got our fingers crossed that it can land one of the top prizes in these prestigious new awards.

Other funding for the community garden project came from Operation Eden, Awards for All and Liverpool City Council’s Empowering Neighbourhood Scheme.



Pat Dermott is pictured with husband Harry (right), Treasurer Henry Massam and other guests at the opening in the summer.

## My Kenny

“I received a Kensington Regeneration bursary in the second and third years of my degree course. It was brilliant. 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.”

**Brenda Whinnett** Kensington resident

## UK Online Day

Friday 12th October

If you don’t use the Internet, but you’d like to find out more about what it can offer, then take advantage of UK Online Day on Friday October 12th.

The great news is that you can use Kensington Community Learning Centre, recently named as the flagship UK Online Centre for the North West of England. All you need to do is visit the centre on October 12th, log on and find out what the world wide web can do for you.

Get Online Day will open up a world of new opportunities – all at the click of a mouse.

Kensington Community Learning Centre,  
291-299 Kensington, Liverpool L7 2RG  
Tel: 0151-260 1006 Email: info@kclc.co.uk

# EDGE LANE PROJECT UPDATE

**Kensington News invited Liverpool Land Development Company to provide an update on the Edge Lane Project. Here is the company’s round-up of all the latest news about the scheme.**

Good progress is being made with many elements of the Edge Lane Project which is being implemented by Liverpool Land Development Company (LLDC) and its partners.

Work is now complete on the improvements to the Edge Lane Drive section, from the Rocket junction to Rathbone Road including the demolition of a concrete footbridge that had been the focus of anti-social behaviour, road resurfacing, new street lighting and footpaths, extensive tree planting and a new pedestrian crossing at Domville Road.

Pupils from Phoenix Primary School in Kensington helped to mark the completion of work by joining LLDC Chief Executive Ian Hassall to sow the final seeds on the central reservation as part of the environmental works.

Liverpool Land Development Company also recently announced details of a major facelift for the Rocket junction which will improve its appearance both during the day and at night.

### FEATURE LIGHTING

The project will involve cleaning the imposing Queens Drive flyover and the installation of new artwork and feature lighting.

The subway will be refurbished and enhanced with new security features, while the carriageways will be upgraded with new traffic signals, signage and road markings.

New crossing points, tree and hedgerow planting, the replacement of pedestrian fencing and improved street furniture are also part of the plans.

Elsewhere in the area work on Edge Lane Central – the section from Rathbone Road to Botanic Road – is on target for completion in the autumn.

The work in this area has included highway



The Rocket junction is set for a spectacular new look.

resurfacing, new kerbs and paving, junction improvements, improved pedestrian crossing facilities, new feature lighting and tree planting.

A new junction has also been created to provide access to Liverpool Innovation Park which is being created on the former MTL bus depot site.

This development, which is aimed at high-tech companies, could attract more than 1,000 jobs to the area from businesses in the technology, ICT, digital and creative sectors.

The scheme also includes a new road, which will link Edge Lane with Wavertree Road and Wavertree Technology Park, and extensive landscaping work.

Nearby, developer Urban Splash has now submitted a planning application for the redevelopment of the former Littlewoods building.

The first phase of the £65-million project will involve refurbishing the west wing to create apartments, business units, a landscaped plaza and underground car parking spaces.

Two further phases are also planned which would create a 100-bedroom hotel, office space and additional apartments, shops and car parking.

In the Edge Lane West area efforts are being made to get regeneration work back on track. A second Compulsory Purchase Order was served on July 10th because this work cannot get under way until properties and land in the area have been brought into public ownership.

The second CPO covers an area running half a mile from Botanic Road to Hall Lane and affects 370 properties, many of which are empty or in poor condition.

A large number of these properties have already been acquired by Liverpool City Council through negotiation.

There was a 28-day period for people to respond to the CPO notices, and if agreement cannot be reached on any objections a Public Inquiry will be held, probably in early 2008.

### HIGH-QUALITY GATEWAY

The Inquiry Inspector will then make a recommendation to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government who will confirm or reject the CPO around the spring of next year.

The original CPO was confirmed in 2006 but was challenged and quashed by the High Court due to an error in the confirmation process.

LLDC Chief Executive, Ian Hassall, commented: “The Edge Lane Project is very important for the area. It is creating a new high-quality gateway into the city centre, helping to attract new jobs and investment and improving the local environment for people who live and work in the area.

We believe the plans for Edge Lane West are supported by the great majority of the local community. They helped to develop the proposals and will see major change for the better when the work takes place.”



Ian Hassall of LLDC (left) and Julian Wilson of contractor Alfred McAlpine are pictured with Phoenix Primary School pupils at the Edge Lane Drive event.





Whether you're 16 or 18 you can access a wide range of support.

# A Level/GCSE results – what next?

**It's several weeks now since the A Level and GCSE results were announced. If you received results this year, and you still haven't decided what to do next, this Kensington News guide will provide you with some useful tips on the best way forward.**

For many young people, deciding what to do after getting A Level or GCSE results is one of the hardest decisions they've ever had to make. That's hardly surprising. As there are such a wide range of options open to them, and the decisions they reach could have an impact on the rest of their lives, it's a matter that really does need very careful consideration. However, whether you're 16 or 18, if you feel you want to stay in full-time education time is of the essence as the new academic year is now upon us.

If you took A Levels this summer, and you've decided at this late stage that you'd like to go to university, there's still just time to look for a place via the UCAS (University and Colleges Admissions Service) Clearing system.

You can apply via this centralised system up until September 20th, after which you have to contact individual universities and colleges direct.

**OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE**

Back in mid August there were 37,000 courses with vacancies across Britain. Many of these will have been snapped up since, but there will still be opportunities available, especially if you're flexible about your requirements and where you'll be willing to study. However, please bear in mind that there are various eligibility criteria for Clearing. You can check these criteria - and apply online - at [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com). If, on the other hand, you received your GCSE results last month and you're now looking for a college place to do A Levels or to study for equivalent NVQ, AVCE or BTEC

qualifications in vocational subjects, it's a case of approaching the further education college you're interested in direct. For many young people who live in Kensington, Liverpool Community College is their first port of call. However, as with university places, the problem at this stage is that many of the most popular courses will already be full. A Community College spokesman advises people to get in touch as soon as possible to find out what's available - students will still be accepted onto courses right up until the half-term break next month. Once again, flexibility is usually the key to success with last-minute applications. You can find out more by ringing the college on 0151-252 3000 or by visiting [www.liv-coll.ac.uk](http://www.liv-coll.ac.uk).

**CAREER PROSPECTS**

Don't forget that you can also check out colleges outside the city - for example Hugh Baird in Bootle - to see if they have what you want. If you draw a blank with either a university or college place, the last resort may be to take a year out and apply early for the 2008 entry. A gap year spent doing short courses, temporary jobs, volunteering or travelling can be a great way of gaining confidence, experience and new skills that will enable you to 'hit the ground running' when you return to full-time education a year later. In terms of short course opportunities, young people in Kensington should check out what's available at Kensington Community Learning Centre which offers a wide range of IT courses. Find out more by ringing 0151-260 1006. Whether you're 16 or 18, if further full-time study isn't for you the next step may be to launch yourself into the world of work. However, it's always worth combining work with some kind of training to enhance your career prospects for

the future. One of the best ways of combining cash with a career is to take up an apprenticeship or some other form of work-based training. Apprenticeships usually last around two years, although some are shorter and a few can last up to five years. Last year there were more than 250,000 apprentices in England alone, working in 200 different types of job including construction, the motor industry and the hospitality sector. **USEFUL RESOURCE** You can find out more by visiting [www.apprenticeships.org.uk](http://www.apprenticeships.org.uk) or via your local Connexions Centre which is a very useful resource for young people up to the age of 19 offering advice on careers, education, money, health, housing and relationships. Of course, there are many more career opportunities open to you:

- If you'd like a career in the health sector, why not consider the NHS

Health Cadets programme? A new website for young people interested in careers in health is now available at [www.stepintothens.nhs.uk](http://www.stepintothens.nhs.uk).

- If you're looking for a more challenging working environment the British Army, the Royal Navy and the Royal Air Force offer a wide range of career options leading to qualifications that are also recognised by civilian employers.
- You could also consider starting your own business. If you live in Kensington there is advice and support available from the Dream High initiative. Find out more by ringing Enterprise Facilitator Claire Baker on 07921 372844. Whether you're 16 or 18, there's a huge amount of advice and support available to you. Take advantage of everything that's on offer, and make sure you make the right decision about your future.



**Connexions can provide a wide range of information, advice and support to young people considering their career options. You can ring Connexions Direct on 080 800 13219 or visit [www.connexions-direct.com](http://www.connexions-direct.com). Alternatively you can call into your nearest Connexions Centres which are at 674-676 Prescot Road in Old Swan (0151-228 2285) or at The Door, 65-67 Hanover Street in the city centre (0151-709 5400).**

## KENSINGTON NEWS CROSSWORD

	1		2		3			4		5	
6								7			
							8				
9					10						
			11								
		12			13						
	14										
15											
										16	
17							18			19	
									20		
21							22				

© Central Press Features

**SOLUTION ON PAGE 12**

**ACROSS**

6. Caller (7)  
7. Wed (5)  
9. Merry (3)  
10. Story (9)  
12. Suitable (11)  
15. Admit (11)  
17. A dancer (9)  
19. Strange (3)  
21. Near (5)  
22. Sailor (7)

**DOWN**

1. Last (5)  
2. Cover (3)  
3. Trance (4)  
4. Game bird (9)  
5. Secret (7)  
8. Threefold (6)  
11. Invertebrate (9)  
13. Recompense (6)  
14. Scribbles (7)  
16. Viper (5)  
18. Tidy (4)  
20. Strike (3)



# Littlewoods reborn



**In this month's Kensington News Big Interview we quiz Bill Maynard, Director of Development with award-winning developer Urban Splash, about the company's plans for the Art Deco Littlewoods complex on Edge Lane.**

If Urban Splash gets its way there's going to be an awful lot of activity over the next three years or so behind the famous facade of the Littlewoods building on Edge Lane.

The company recently applied for planning permission for an ambitious scheme to create apartments, offices and possibly even a hotel at the site.

If the plans are approved, work could get under way as early as the spring of next year.

When Kensington News caught up with Bill Maynard, he was clearly very enthusiastic about the prospects for the project: "This is a very exciting scheme that will retain the front elevation of the buildings that we all know and love while developing a range of new uses for

the space behind," he explained.

Bill pointed out that there are two elements to the Urban Splash plans. One is primarily residential, linking in to Botanic Park. The other is business focused, linking in to the plans to create Liverpool Innovation Park.

## EXCELLENT VIEWS

The first phase of work will involve the creation of 288 apartments in the west wing of the complex:

"The main entrance to the development will be via

a central atrium created where the tower is, with apartments on either side," said Bill.

"This is quite a big construction job as we need to create seven floors within the building.

We'll end up with parking on the ground floor and apartments on the six floors above, many of them with excellent views across Botanic Park."

Urban Splash has an excellent track record in projects involving the conversion of this sort of historic complex.

For example, the company enjoyed great success with its residential redevelopment of the listed Liverpool Collegiate building, just north of the city centre.

And a scheme to redevelop the former Bryant and May match factory in Speke as the Matchworks business village has proved equally successful in South Liverpool.

However, Bill Maynard accepts that the Littlewoods project is not without an element of risk: "Some years ago we were the first company to create apartments in Liverpool city centre and now many other firms are doing it as well.

"However, a development

## THE BIG INTERVIEW

**BILL MAYNARD** Director of Development, Urban Splash

in this sort of out-of-centre location is a new departure for us so, to some extent, we're testing the market again here on Edge Lane.

"However, there are very good transport links into Liverpool and it's only a 10 or 15-minute walk into the city, so we're confident that the quality product we will create will appeal to city centre workers, as well as to local residents and people working for companies moving to the new business sites on Edge Lane."

## FUNKY OFFICE SPACE

After the apartments, the next phase of work at the Littlewoods complex will involve the conversion of a former paper store at the rear of the site into what Bill describes as 'funky' office space for small businesses.

This accommodation will be part of up to 120,000 sq ft of business space that could be created behind the facade of the east wing of the complex as part of the final phase of redevelopment.

Bill stresses that the detailed planning of this phase is at an early

stage, and how the scheme rolls out will depend very much on the progress made with Liverpool Innovation Park next door.

However, the vision at least is clear: "We see our scheme as complementing the Innovation Park," said Bill. "We could, for example, focus on incubator-style accommodation for small firms, much as we have done at our Vanilla Factory in the city centre.

"We also want to create what we are calling a 'digital village' to serve the site complete with shops, restaurants and bars, a creche and even a hotel."

However these plans develop, it's clear that Bill Maynard believes the Littlewoods complex has a really exciting future: "Our plans will restore and enhance this much-loved landmark building and our investment of around £60 million will transform the site, making it once again a great place to work and – for the first time – a great place to live as well."



A striking view of the Littlewoods building from Botanic Park.

“Our investment of around £60 million will transform the site, restoring and enhancing this much-loved building. ”

The Littlewoods building, which opened in 1938, occupies one of the highest points in Liverpool and has views looking out towards the city centre and the Welsh hills.

As well as being the centre of the Littlewoods Pools business, and subsequently a major print operation, it also played an important role in the Second World War.

At the outbreak of war its printing presses

were used to print 17 million national registration forms in just three days.

Later in the conflict the floors of Halifax bombers were assembled in the building and it was also the nerve centre of MC5, the Government agency that intercepted mail to break enemy codes and obtain information vital to the war effort.





The team takes to the water at the Albert Dock.

## Kensington youngsters go dragon boat racing

Young people from Kensington recently took part in a day of dragon boat racing at the Albert Dock in Liverpool.

The youngsters - who are involved with popular local charity Prospects 2000 - were part of a team representing the area organised by local police officers.

Dragon boat racing, one of the fastest-growing team sports in the

country, has ancient Chinese origins.

The races began with a dramatic launch ceremony featuring Chinese dragons, firecrackers, dance and music.

The event was organised by Merseyside Police as part of its drive to engage with young people and also to celebrate the contribution to Liverpool life of the city's Chinese community - the oldest in Europe.

## CEMETERY CLEAN-UP

**The Kensington resting place of some of Liverpool's most famous citizens is being restored by volunteers.**

Deane Road Cemetery contains the remains of many influential and famous Jewish businessmen, doctors and dignitaries including David Lewis, founder of Lewis's department store.

The project is being coordinated by Saul Marks from the Liverpool Old Hebrew Congregation, supported by Liverpool City Council, Kensington Clean Team, Merseyside Probation Service and volunteers from Kensington Regeneration and King David High School in Childwall.

The front archway, gates and railings of the cemetery are Grade

Two listed.

Saul Marks commented: "Deane Road Cemetery has been an eyesore in the area for many years and it has been cleared up and abandoned time and time again.

"Now, with the involvement of all these organisations, and in particular the Probation Service, we have a much better chance of keeping the cemetery in a good condition in the long-term. Ultimately, we hope to put it on the tourist map."

The team hopes to complete the project as soon as possible so that it will be included in Liverpool heritage tours in Capital of Culture year. For further information, visit [www.deaneroadcemetery.com](http://www.deaneroadcemetery.com).



The volunteers are pictured taking a brief break from clean-up work at Deane Road Cemetery.

## Academy featured in TV programme

**Kensington's Academy of St Francis of Assisi was the star of a recent TV programme on how schools can be green.**

The school was included in a programme called the £45 Billion Question which is broadcast on the cable and satellite Teachers' TV channel.

The Academy was the first in the country to choose the environment as its specialist subject and has a variety of green features.

These include solar panels on its roof and using rainwater to flush toilets.



TV fame for the Academy.

## You can't see it, smell it or taste it, but it kills...

The Community Safety Task Group is running a pilot project in Fairfield to raise awareness to the dangers of carbon monoxide poisoning.

To register for a **FREE** CO detector alarm, contact Sue on 233 6138.



### EXCLUSIVE READER OFFER

## FREE CHILD ENTRY TO THE AERIAL EXTREME ADVENTURE ROPES COURSE

**The North West's largest recreational adventure ropes course opened for business this summer at Knowsley Safari Park.**

Yorkshire-based Aerial Extreme, the European leaders in ropes course design, developed the new course which mixes outdoor adventure with the buzz of a theme park ride.

And now, thanks to a great Kensington News promotion, local residents can take advantage of an offer which provides a free child place for the course with every two full-paying adults, worth up to £15.



people of all ages, has been built with three levels, the lowest for children aged from six years upwards.

Visitors remain completely safe throughout their time on the course as they are clipped to a safety system from start to finish.

Sinan Osman, Aerial Extreme's General Manager, said: "Our courses are great fun – everyone really encourages one another to complete the various stages, pushing themselves to the limit."

**Aerial Extreme is open daily from 10am.**

**For more information ring 0870 850 2808 or visit [www.aerialextreme.co.uk](http://www.aerialextreme.co.uk).**

### FREE CHILD ENTRY TO THE AERIAL EXTREME ADVENTURE ROPES COURSE AT KNOWSLEY SAFARI PARK WORTH UP TO £15

This voucher entitles one child to free entry to the Aerial Extreme adventure ropes course at Knowsley Safari Park when accompanied by two full-paying adults. It can be presented in person or used for advance telephone bookings. It cannot be used for advance bookings via the Aerial Extreme website. Voucher valid until September 30th 2007. Subject to availability. Please note that a height restriction of 1.1m operates on the course. The voucher cannot be used in conjunction with any other offer and has no cash alternative. Photocopies not accepted.







Action from the Sierra Leone v Angola match in the tournament.

# KENSINGTON HOSTS 'WORLD CUP'

**Botanic Park was the venue for a recent All Nations Cup international football tournament.**

20 Liverpool-based seven-a-side teams were brought together by voluntary organisation Liver World Community Sports to represent nations from all over the globe.

The tournament was followed by a celebration event at the Performance Room on Sefton Street featuring live music performances, refreshments and DJ Ola Bean from Juice FM.

All the proceeds from the night

went towards funding a trip to Gambia for a team of players of different nationalities living in Liverpool.

Organiser Siddi Majubah said: "This event was all about promoting unity in the community, cohesion and understanding of different cultures."

Andy Ireland from Active City – a sponsor of the event – said: "We really need more events like this. Despite cultural differences, we all have football in common – the great thing is that people are getting active and learning to work together all at

the same time."

As well as Active City the event was sponsored by the Novas Group and Community Seven with contributions from Bar Hannah and Wetherspoons.

Countries represented in the tournament were England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, Jamaica, Trinidad/ Tobago, Italy, Ghana, China, Yemen, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Burundi, Zimbabwe, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Chad, Poland, Congo and Kosovo.



Great ball skills were on display.



Young children will benefit from the Local Network Fund.

## Grants on offer to community groups

**Kensington community groups and voluntary organisations are being invited to apply for grants for projects involving young children or health issues.**

The Local Network Fund (LNF) for Children and Young People offers grants from £250 to £7,000 for projects and activities that improve the lives of children up to the age of nine.

This is the final year of LNF and the Government has just allocated some more money for Liverpool groups.

Any group wishing to apply for LNF funding should ring 0845 113 0161 for an application pack.

The next closing date for applications is October 15th and money will have to be spent by groups by the end of January next year.

If you need help with applying please contact the Liverpool CVS Funding Advisers, Ged Simpson or Ian Morland, on 0151-236 7728 or email [funding.enquiries@lcv.org.uk](mailto:funding.enquiries@lcv.org.uk).

The Alliance and Leicester Fund is also seeking applications for grants to support health projects.

Grants from £50 to £500 are available for a wide variety of activities which could include the production of a newsletter, equipment to help children with disabilities or the installation of a loop system in a community building.

The next closing date for applications to this fund is November 1st.

For more information contact Joan Ford at the Community Foundation for Merseyside on 0151-966 3551.

## notice board

**Upcoming dates for your diary:**

**Kensington Regeneration Annual Public Meeting**  
at the Devonshire House Hotel, Edge Lane  
Wednesday 26th September - 6:00 - 8:00pm

**Edge Hill Youth Club - Variety Show**  
Thursday 27th September - 7:30pm onwards

## KENSINGTON SPORTS CENTRE ACTIVITIES

**Kicks Programme**  
Sponsored by Liverpool and Everton Coaches  
Every Tuesday 4pm – 6pm  
Every Wednesday 5pm – 7pm  
Every Thursday 5pm – 7pm (indoors)

**Futsal – Football Skills**  
Every Friday  
4pm – 5pm Age 8-12  
5pm – 6pm Age 13 upwards

**Gymnastics**  
Every Monday  
5pm – 6pm Age 5-9  
6pm – 7pm Age 10-15

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

## we're all ears

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

**Whether you've got a news story you'd like us to cover, or you want to have your say by sending us a letter with your views on a local issue, Kensington News is for you.**

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

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



**Kensington Regeneration Annual Public Meeting**  
Wednesday 26 September 2007, 6pm  
at the Devonshire House Hotel, Edge Lane, in the Marquee Suite

**Pick up your free copy of the 2007 Annual Report**

## other languages

For further information contact Kensington Regeneration on 0151 233 6136.

لتزيد من المعلومات، الرجاء الاتصال على إمانة تعبیر كازننگتون 233 6136 على الرقم

欲知詳情，請致電 233 6136 向「肯盛頓重建組」查詢。

Pour de plus amples renseignements, veuillez contacter Kensington Regeneration au 233 6136.

Po dalsze informacje należy skontaktować się z Kensington Regeneration pod numerem telefonu 233 6136.

## KENSINGTON CROSSWORD SOLUTION

**ACROSS:** 6 Visitor; 7 Marry; 9 Gay; 10 Narrative; 12 Appropriate; 15 Acknowledge; 17 Ballerina; 19 Odd; 21 Close; 22 Mariner.

**DOWN:** 1 Final; 2 Lid; 3 Coma; 4 Partridge; 5 Private; 8 Triple; 11 Spineless; 13 Reward; 14 Scrawls; 16 Adder; 18 Neat; 20 Hit.



JOB BANK  
4 TUNNEL ROAD  
LIVERPOOL L7 6QD  
t 0151 233 6136  
f 0151 233 6137  
w [www.kensingtonregeneration.com](http://www.kensingtonregeneration.com)  
e [newthinking@kensingtonregeneration.com](mailto:newthinking@kensingtonregeneration.com)  
text 07976 383790