

Islington Council The Council of th your local magazine from Islington Council Issue 35, March 2010

Read all about it!

No matter what your age or what you're into, there are thousands of free books available to everyone at the borough's libraries. So why not pick up a book and get into reading?

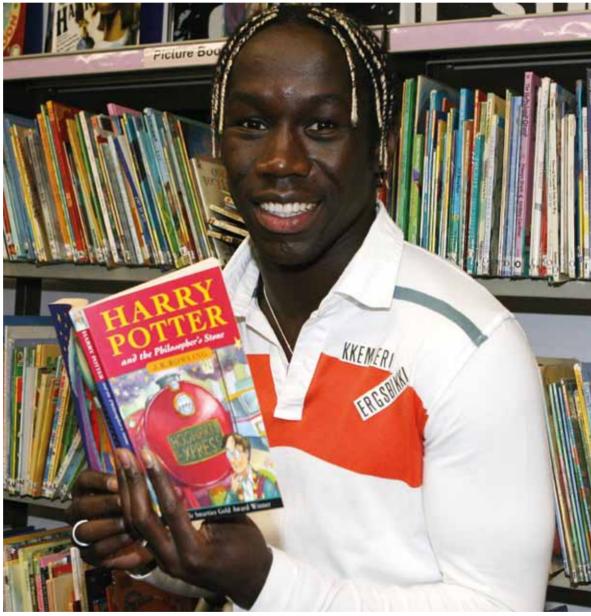
There are ten libraries in Islington and they are all free to join and have a great range of books for all tastes and ages. And that's not all. You can borrow CDs, DVDs and games for a small charge, and take part in a range of activities.

It's really easy to join. Call into any library in the borough, or do it online at www.islington.gov.uk/libraries. And once you've signed up, you can use all the facilities at any of the borough's ten libraries.

Footie stars sign up

Arsenal defender Bacary Sagna joined local children at Central Children's Library as part of his commitment to the Premier League's Reading Stars campaign aimed at encouraging families to read together. Selected children in Years 5 and 6 take part in the scheme each year, visiting book clubs with their parents and getting to choose titles to read together at home. The campaign is a partnership between libraries, primary schools, Arsenal FC and the Football Foundation.

Bacary chose two books – 'Harry Potter and the



Arsenal defender Bacary Sagna joined children at Central Library to play games and answer questions

Philosopher's Stone' by J K Rowling, and his favourite adult read, 'The Soul of a Butterfly' by Muhammad Ali with Hana Yasmeen Ali. He played games with the children based on the books they had read, before presenting them with certificates to show they had taken part in the scheme and completed their chosen books.

Bacary was also guizzed by the youngsters.

He said: "It's really good to come here today and meet the children. It's great to think that footballers can help and be role models in encouraging children to read, but more importantly to enjoy reading. It was great to talk about the books and play games based on them, just to check they

had read them. They did have some tricky questions for me though!"

And the club has now announced its Reading Champion for this year. goalkeeper Lucasz Fabianski.

Find out more by going to www. islington.gov.uk/libraries

INSIDE

COLUMN AND LETTERS

We answer your letters

NEWS

New school buildings open their doors



ENVIRONMENT

New recycling ! bins for Upper Street



LOCAL LIFE

Your vote counts - don't forget to register!



IN FOCUS Ideas for a fun-packed Easter



SAFER We visit the Angel Boxing



YOUR VIEWS

Club

Take part in our noise survey



OUT AND ABOUT

Win Estorick exhibition tickets

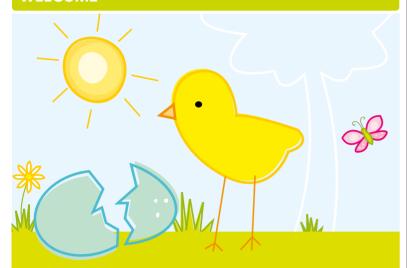


NOTICEBOARD London Overground

latest

LETTERS

WELCOME



Welcome to the March edition of IslingtonNow magazine.

It seems like only yesterday that it was Christmas – and now Easter is nearly upon us!

During the school holidays we'll have a full programme of events for children of all ages, so check out our centre spread for more details.

If you live in one of Islington's estates, we have some good news for you – you could soon be able to recycle your food scraps. It's really easy to do and, not only does it improve the environment, we also use the scraps to produce compost to make our parks and green spaces even greener. Find out more on page 4.

Last month we outlined a range of things happening in the borough for young people, such as our exciting new youth hubs. And on page 12

this month we look at another great project – the Angel Boxing Club. If you think boxing isn't the best way to occupy young people, this article may well change your mind...

In the run-up to elections, there are a number of legal restrictions on local authorities' publications and publicity. So, with the local and general elections imminent, you'll see we've not included any councillors in this month's IslingtonNow. With the local elections just a couple of months away, it's important to make sure you're registered to vote. Turn to page 6 to find out more.

Next month's edition of IslingtonNow will be a combined April/May issue, which you should receive by 21 April. There'll be full details in there of voting on the day of the elections.

What a mess

I have lived in Islington for two years now and there is so much dog mess everywhere. It is not always so easy to avoid, and why should I spend my life looking downwards? If it is not slap bang in the middle of the pavements, it is all over any green area. Just because a green space doesn't have a sign saying 'no dogs allowed', does not mean it is a dog toilet for dogs to do it anywhere.

It is completely disgusting. There should be a policy of zero tolerance - these selfish dog owners and their dogs are a blight on the beautiful Islington landscape.

Name and address withheld

Dog mess is a really unpleasant problem and we're sorry it spoils your enjoyment when you're out and about in Islington.

We do impose fines on people who allow their dogs to do this, and in the past 12 months, we've issued 112 fixed penalty notices – 49 for dog fouling offences, 64 to people who allowed their dogs into dog exclusion areas, and nine to dog owners who failed to put and keep their dog on a lead when they were asked to. The fixed penalty fines are £80 each, and anyone who doesn't pay can be prosecuted. As a result, four people have been taken



to the Magistrates Court, and all four were successfully prosecuted with fines up to £175 plus imposed costs. We also give informal warnings to hundreds of dog owners to encourage them to clean up their act.

Despite all this work, we know that the problem still exists, which is why we have a stringent street cleaning programme.
Residential streets are cleaned frequently, and last year we introduced the Poover – a motorbike specially modified to include a water and suction kit to clean the streets of

dog mess. A fragrant detergent sterilises the street at the same time as cleaning it.

We will continue to speak to dog owners and attempt to educate them, issuing fines and warnings when necessary. **Street Environment Services**

Send your letters to:

IslingtonNow, Town Hall, Upper Street, London N1 2UD Email: islingtonnow@

islington.gov.uk Phone: **020 7527 3416**

ISLINGTON IN PICTURES

A genuine kilted Caledonian piper, a classic Robbie Burns poem read in a broad Scots accent and a traditional Scottish haggis were all part of the Highbury New Park Day Centre's celebrations for Burns Night.

London's LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Trans) Community Choir, The Pink Singers, entertained the crowds at the LGBT opening event at the Assembly Hall.

Paralympic bronze medal winner Vicki Hansford presents 11-year-old Katie Philips from St Joan of Arc School with her medal at the borough's Primary Schools' Indoor Athletics Competition.







Tell us what you think of IslingtonNow – contact us at the above address or drop us an email

Please include your full address on all correspondence. Anonymous letters cannot be published, but names and addresses can be withheld on request. We cannot guarantee to publish all letters received, and we reserve the right to edit letters for both length and content. Check out IslingtonNow online at www.islington.gov.uk/islingtonnow

NEWS



Manage your council tax the easy way

This month, every household in Islington will receive its new council tax bill for 2010/11, along with a booklet explaining how your money is put to use. To manage your payments and make any changes to your details, make sure you're registered with My eAccount. If you pay council tax by direct debit, you can see the instalments you've made, or you can pay your bill through the new, easy-touse online system. Not only this, but you can also manage your parking accounts, access information about planning applications in your area, see who your local councillor is and keep up-to-date about events in the area.

Not registered yet? It's simple. Just go to www.islington.gov.uk/ myeaccount



'Fantastic' schools making a difference

Pupils at two Islington secondary schools started the new year in style, enjoying the benefits of multimillion pound investment in their schools.

Highbury Grove School and Holloway School welcomed pupils into bold and bright new buildings at the start of the new term, thanks to a combined £37m investment through the Building Schools for the Future programme.

At Highbury Grove School,

which is located with the secondary department of Samuel Rhodes School, 98% of the school buildings are completely new and include two halls and a gym, classrooms for all subjects and sixth form facilities. Henry Jones, Associate Head at the school, said: "The new school building is fantastic! Staff are already noticing how well students are responding to their new surroundings. With the new facilities available to students, I'm looking forward to

seeing our attainment improve even further."

Holloway School's new improvements include a bright assembly hall, science classrooms, ICT and technology areas, and a roof-top 'peace garden' dedicated to former pupil Ben Kinsella. Headteacher, Bob Hamlyn, said: "Both staff and students have been extremely impressed with the amazing new facilities. This is a building that our young people deserve."

IN BRIEF

Whipping up a **Funderstorm**

This month, Islington Council is launching 'Funderstorm', a programme that gives young people in Islington the opportunity to decide how funding of over £400,000 should be spent on improving their neighbourhoods. Young people are invited to submit proposals for new youth projects and vote for their favourite ideas online and at game show-style events.



Find out more at www.islington.gov. uk/funderstorm

Skipping for Haiti

Young people at The Rose Bowl Centre, which offers social education for young people in Canonbury, skipped into action to raise funds for children in Haiti. Thirtyfive young people joined in The Skipathon to support UNICEF's Haiti Earthquake Children's Appeal.



You can donate at www.

rosebowlcentre.org or www.justgiving.com/ SkipforHaiti

Great results for care services

Adult Social Services in Islington are 'performing well', according to an annual assessment of council services for those in need of care and support. Government inspectors the Care Quality Commission said Islington was excellent at improving quality of life for local people and helping them to positively influence how local care services support them.

Islington supports mental health equality

More than one in four people will experience a mental health problem at some point in their lives. Islington Council, NHS Islington, Homes for Islington and Camden and Islington NHS Foundation Trust have all signed up to the national Time to Change Challenge to promote positive attitudes to mental health and end discrimination.

In addition to this, Islington Council and NHS Islington have both invested in mental health support, improving access to

psychotherapy and counselling in the borough and developing new housing for people living with a variety of mental health

And to further improve access to services, a new scheme is currently recruiting community wellbeing champions to help direct people to the right support.

Find out more at www. manorgardenscentre.org

Check out the Islington Observatory!

The Islington Observatory is a new section of the council's website where you can find information about the borough and its population -

from employment figures, to stats on crime and safety, to information about Islington's housing.

Until now, there'd never been such a range of boroughspecific information in one place. But now the easy-tonavigate Islington Observatory holds links to information from across the council and to data on external websites at the click of a button.

So if you're interested in stats and facts about Islington, check it out at www.islington.gov.uk/ observatory

ENVIRONMENT

Reducing the scrap heap

In Islington, we're always looking at ways to increase the amount we can recycle, and one of our newest initiatives is to introduce food waste recycling on our estates...

It's really easy to recycle food waste, and there are many benefits too. Putting your scraps and leftovers into your food waste container is a very simple way to reduce climate change by reducing the emission of methane from landfill sites. And the waste we collect is turned into compost which can be used in our parks and green spaces.

Almost all residents in street level properties, along with schools and businesses, can already recycle their food waste, and this has helped push Islington's recycling rate to over 30%. But residents on housing estates have told us they want to recycle their food waste too, so we're looking at ways to help them do this.

Around 2,000 residents on

our estates can already recycle their food waste thanks to a pilot scheme which has been running over the last year. Julia Barclay (pictured) lives on the Bevin Estate and thinks the new recycling scheme is great. "Recycling food waste is so important and I'm really pleased that more of us can now do this. The great thing for my family is it means all we throw away each week now is just one tiny bag of rubbish."

A successful funding application to government organisation WRAP, which helps people and businesses to reduce their waste, means that the service is set to expand to a further 10,000 properties over the coming year. We'll be talking to residents and residents'



Julia Barclay thinks it's great that more estates will have food waste recycling facilities

associations to make sure that we deliver these new services in the best way possible.

And did you know you can buy the compost that we make from your food scraps? Pop along to the Household Reuse and Recycling Centre on Hornsey Street, N7, to buy a bag and make your garden greener.

Find out more about recycling at www. islington.gov.uk/recycling, or join our Facebook group Recycling Islington.

What can go in my food waste container?

Yes please...

- → Cooked food (plate scrapings)
- → Meat and fish scraps
- → Fruit and vegetable peelings
- → Eggs and egg shells
- → Dairy products
- → Cut flowers
- → Tea bags and coffee grinds

No thanks...

- → Cooking oil
- → Large bones or carcasses e.g. whole chickens
- → Packaging
- → Plastic bags
- → Garden waste

All things wild and wonderful

If you enjoy our quarterly wildlife column in IslingtonNow, you'll love the new Islington Wildlife blog. You may not realise it, but there is a great deal of wildlife living in our borough and lots of weird and wonderful things happening as the seasons change.

Our blog will keep you up to date with the borough's birds, pond life and other wildlife, and you can also find out about their habitats, including trees and plants.



To check out the blog, go to www.islingtonwildlife.typepad.com/blog



Nature volunteers wanted!

Have you ever wanted to get involved with nature conservation work but haven't known how?

Well, now's your chance! We're starting new volunteer workdays at Gillespie Park Local Nature Reserve. At the sessions, which run from 10am-3pm on the last Saturday of every month, you'll be able to get a range of experience from tree planting to step building, to managing encroaching plant species. Training and protective clothing will be provided and you can join for any part of the day. Tea and biscuits will be provided but if you're coming to the whole session, please bring lunch with you.

For more information, please contact either Richard Meyers on 020 7527 4292 or Peter Howarth on 020 7527 4291.



New life for old car park

A derelict car park in Holloway is being transformed into 30 new allotments as part of Edible Islington, the council's community food-growing campaign.

Rainwater will be harvested from the site to help grow fresh vegetables, and the old concrete surface of the care park is being crushed and reused on the site to build bases for paths.

Edible Islington is an ongoing campaign which has already created 30 new

food-growing projects in schools and established 60 community food growing sites across the borough.

 \Rightarrow

For more information on the Edible

Islington programme, visit www.islington.gov.uk/edibleislington



Young birdwatchers in national count

Twenty Islington schools have taken part in a national scheme to help monitor the UK's bird numbers. During the annual Big Schools' Birdwatch, which is organised by the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB), children spent an hour in their school grounds or a local park counting the number of birds that visit.

Children enthusiastically recorded a range of different birds, with top scores coming in for robins, wood pigeons, great tits, blackbirds and black headed gulls.



Children at Gillespie School took part in the Big Schools' Birdwatch

Shop around

According to a spate of recent complaints to the Times newspaper, some customers have been charged over £1,000 more for home insurance than if they'd shopped around. It pays to check out all the options. Check price comparison websites when your premium is due for renewal or ring around other insurers to compare the cost and make sure you get the best value for money.



Get snapping for Islington in Bloom!

Fancy showing off your photography skills and snapping up a great prize?

If so, why not enter the Islington in Bloom photo competition? Judges will be looking for interesting, unique aspects of horticulture or wildlife in Islington, and your photos can be of people, fun, creatures, buildings, structures or just the surroundings in any Islington garden, park or green space.

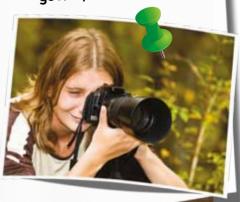
There are two categories

– under 16 and 16 or over –
and the competition is open
to amateur photographers
who live in Islington
only. Photos must be
your own original work
and taken within the
last year. The judges'
decision is final.

The winner in each category will win a mounted print of their photograph, worth over £100, with prizes

of £75 and £50 vouchers from sponsors Metro Imaging for the second and third place runners-up.

You can email up to three high-resolution photos for print. Please state where and when taken, to **inbloom@islington.gov.uk**, and include your name, address, phone number and age if under 16. For full terms and conditions please see **www.islington.gov.uk/inbloom**



LOCALLIFE



The local elections, which happen every four years, take place on Thursday 6 May. They give you the opportunity to have your say on important issues that affect you at a local level – everything from roads and recycling in your area, to education and climate change.

Those who are eligible to vote include British, Commonwealth, Irish and other European Union

citizens aged 18 or over. To vote in the elections, you must be registered on the electoral roll (or register). The deadline to register to vote in the local elections is Tuesday 20 April, so if you haven't already, make sure you get on the register now.

If you are eligible to vote, your household should have received a confirmation letter last month. Next month, you'll receive your individual poll card. One of the people going out and about in Islington to deliver these is John Bonner. We caught up with him to get some advice for anyone worried about the process. "You don't need to be nervous in the slightest. There's a number to ring and the person at the council will do everything they can to help you fill out the form."

He added: "There are a number of reasons to register. Credit reference agencies use the electoral roll, so it can be important if you're thinking of taking up a loan or credit card. It's a legal requirement too. Whether or not you vote on the day is your choice, but it's being registered that gives you that choice."

the upcoming elections and we want to keep you informed of everything that's going on in preparation for them. So, why not check out our new voting pages on the website, which later this month will feature a blog, helpful information about registering to vote, and details about the voting process on election day? Check out www.islington.gov.uk/voting - and if you don't have the internet at home, you can use it for free at any one of our libraries.

For more information on registering eligibility to vote or the upcoming elections, you can also contact Electoral Services on 020 7527 3110.

Look out for our Islington Counts!

posters and other information

around the borough

Standing for election?

Candidates standing for local election are invited to an informal event between 7pm and 8.30pm on Wednesday 14 April. Come along to find out more about the roles and responsibilities of councillors, as well as the support – including training, equipment and allowances – available from the council. There will also be information about the structure of Islington Council and an opportunity to ask questions. The event is in Committee Room 5 in the Town Hall on Upper Street. For more information or to book your place, please contact John Lynch on 020 7527 3002.

the amount of money a 20-a-day smoking habit costs a year

the number of toxic chemicals in cigarette smoke

HEALTH

Stub it out!

NHS Islington is running a Stop Smoking Campaign which aims to encourage people to pick a person in their life to help motivate and support while they give up smoking.

Most of us recognise the various benefits that come from giving up smoking, but knowledge isn't necessarily power when you're battling powerful nicotine cravings. By having someone else help them quit, smokers can be inspired by knowing that it's not only their health that

will improve if they stop, but also that of those around them. Many people find the strength they need when considering the effects their habit has on others.

No smoking day

The campaign runs all month, with celebrations on No Smoking Day which is on Wednesday 10 March. This is an important date in the calendar for smokers who have stopped or want

to stop. It celebrates and recognises people all over the UK who have made a significant achievement in quitting. It can also provide a quit date for people who may otherwise struggle to make the commitment.

NHS Islington will be hosting their own celebrations and want the local community to get involved. A branded doubledecker bus will be touring Islington on 10 March, stopping at various locations to celebrate this important day. Friendly smokefree

advisers will be on board, with information and advice, ready to help those who want to know more about the service.

Set your own quit date by No Smoking Day, Wednesday 10 March, and go smokefree by calling freephone 0800 093 90 30.



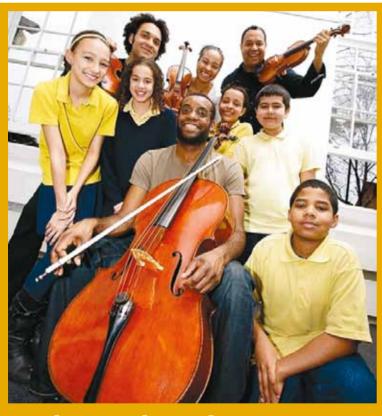
Win a cycling grant

Grants of up to CREDITCRUNCH £10,000 are now available from the



Community Cycling Fund for London for community groups or organisations to promote cycling projects in their community. The money can be spent on bikes, training or other equipment to promote cycling in your neighbourhood.

You can make an application between 8 and 26 March at www.lcc.org.uk/news and click on Cycling grants



A classical performance

Pupils at Laycock Primary School have been treated to a very special performance from innovative musicians The Harlem Quartet. The string quartet are aiming to bring classical and jazz music to young audiences more used to pop and hip hop.

Over 60 children at the school – many of whom are learning to play stringed instruments – listened to the performance before questioning the musicians.

Help with your heating bills

After such a cold winter, many residents may have received a hefty heating bill. If you're struggling to pay, there are ways we can help - both with managing the payments and making your home more energy-efficient. For information, pop into the Green Living Centre on Upper Street, call

CREDIT CRUNCH

0800 953 1221 or email energy.advice@islington.gov.uk

Shh! Noise patrols get to work

You might remember from September's issue that Islington Council and Homes for Islington (HfI) joined together to create extra noise patrols to go out and about, responding to noise complaints.

Well, since the new service was introduced last year, the patrol has carried out 22% more visits and has received really positive feedback from people whose reports of noise have been dealt with. One such happy resident on Pine Street can now get a good night's sleep, thanks to the noise patrol asking a local restaurant to fix their loud extractor fan.

If you have a complaint about noise in Islington, such as loud parties, music, noisy neighbours, alarms or building works, please call 020 7527 3258 during the day or 020 7527 3229 at night. Hfl tenants should call their area housing office to report noise during the day.



Get fit your way!

If you need a bit of inspiration to get moving, why not take part in the Sainsbury's Sport Relief Mile in London?

The sponsored run is part of the Sport Relief Weekend and takes place on Sunday 21 March. You can choose your level and run either one, three or six miles along the Victoria Embankment. It's a great way to shape up, meet new people and – best of all – all the money you raise will help poor and disadvantaged people turn their lives around, in the UK as well as the world's poorest countries. Check out www.sportrelief.com

Or if swimming's more your thing, you can join the Swimathon 2010 challenge which takes place from

16-18 April at Cally and Highbury Pools and Ironmonger Row Baths. Again, you can choose your level and distance, and you can even enter as a team. Last year's Swimathon raised an amazing £1.5m nationwide for Marie Curie Cancer Care, with Islington's 320 participants

raking in an impressive £32,409. So dive in and do your bit!

To find out more, visit www.aquaterra. org/swimathon, pick up a registration form at your local pool, or call 0845 3670036



Assembly Hall memories

With The Assembly Hall Showcase happening this month to celebrate the reopening of the 1930s venue, we've been hearing from people who remember it before it was mothballed in the 1980s.

Garry Kennard, who was born on Sebbon Street in 1948, recalled being presented with his O levels and RSA certificate in the hall around 1963. It was a rather grand event, with the beautiful and great prima ballerina Beryl Grey giving Garry his O level certificate. As she shook his hand and said, "So, are you an artist?", all Garry could stammer before staggering off stage was, "Yes, ma'am".

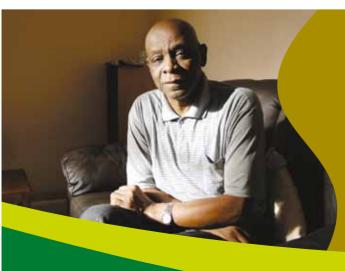
Garry went on to be an artist, writer, lecturer and festival director, as well as leading his own mountaineering expeditions to remote parts of the Himalayas. He told us: "That very short moment experienced in the hall has been with me for all these years and has been an inspiration from time to time." He has

recently moved back to Islington and is impressed with the renovated hall. "You can see that there has been a new coat of paint but the details of the hall look amazing – just like when I was here last. I can't wait to see the hall in all its glory during The Assembly Hall Showcase."

For more on the newly renovated hall, go to www.islington. gov.uk/assemblyhall, or you can email your own memories to assemblyhall@islington. gov.uk

Local artist and writer Garry Kennard with a self-portrait





Rattling around in a property that's too big?

Are you living on your own after many years?

If the answer is yes, then Islington Council can help you move to a property that better suits your needs.

offers a tailor-made package of information and advice to help

you move to a smaller, more

Under-Occupation Officer on 020 7527 5174



www.islington.gov.uk/housing

the number of Islington participants in last year's Swimathon

£32,409

the amount of money they raised

9

If you need to complain about a council service

The council has listened to residents' feedback about its complaints process, and is making it easier for you tell us your concerns.

The simplest way to make a complaint is by calling us on 020 7527 2000 or emailing central.complaints@islington.

gov.uk. You can also visit one of our offices or use the form online at www.islington.gov.uk/complaints. Or, you can write a letter to the Customer Services Team, Islington Council, Town Hall, Upper Street, N1 2UD.

We'll contact you within five working days to let you know

we're investigating your complaint, and then we'll get back to you within 15 working days with a response.

If you're still not satisfied, we'll ask the Chief Executive to investigate on your behalf and we'll send you the result within 20 working days.

Become a council mystery shopper

You can help us improve our services by becoming a mystery shopper for the council. Mystery shoppers are people posing as customers who report back to the council on their experiences accessing our services.

After a short training session, you'll be given a list of council services to 'mystery shop'. You'll be asked to either visit the service in person or make

contact via letter, email or phone. We'll give you some questions to ask or a task to complete and a short report to fill out to describe your experience. When you're done, you just need to send the form back to us.

Each shopping task is quite short, and you can break your list up into chunks to do at times that suit you best over a two-week period. Altogether, completing your tasks and writing the reports should take about four hours. And, we'll give you a shopping voucher to thank you for your help.

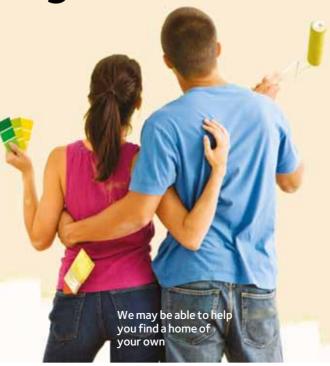
If you would like to find out more, please call Charles Barnard on 020 7527 3899 or charles.barnard@islington.gov.uk

A place of your own

The New Generation housing scheme can help young people living in social housing in Islington get a home of their own.

If you're over 18 and living with a parent or guardian who is an Islington tenant, you could be offered your own flat if you can prove you've been at the same address for the last five years. Priority is given to those in overcrowded housing.

To apply for the scheme, you will need to complete a Housing Register Application Form, available at www.islington.gov.uk/housing, or you can contact the rehousing team to find out more on 020 7527 4140 or rehousing@islington.gov.uk



CEREMONY OF THE MONTH

Being British

Every month in the Council Chambers at the Town Hall, people are presented with their certificate of British nationality. We caught up with two Islington residents who were at a recent citizenship ceremony.

Jingle Sanchez, who is originally from the Philippines and now lives in Islington, said: "I have been in the UK for eight years, so it is great to become a citizen at this ceremony and share this special day with my family."

Ismail Odewale was also at the ceremony to collect his certificate. He said: "I

Ismael was delighted to receive citizenship

have been an Islington resident for seven years and arrived in the UK in 1997 – it is a really happy day for me to be able to come to the Town Hall and be presented with my citizenship certificate."

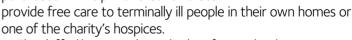
To make the citizenship process easier, all residents can use the council's Nationality Checking Service. This service ensures application forms are filled in correctly as well as checking that all the accompanying documents are checked, copied and certified.

To find out more about the ceremonies and the Nationality Checking Service the council offers, go to www.islington.gov. uk/community



Paint the town yellow!

Marie Curie Cancer Care is asking people to help paint the town yellow this March by wearing a daffodil pin to back its annual Great Daffodil Appeal. Every pin purchased will help Marie Curie nurses



The daffodil pins can be picked up from schools, street collectors and Marie Curie shops throughout March.

For further information about the appeal or to find out how you can help, please call the Daffodil Hotline on 0845 601 3107 (local rate) or visit www.mariecurie. org.uk/daffodil

10 INFOCUS

Easter fun!

There's no need for children and young people to be bored during this year's Easter holidays. With hundreds of free or cheap activities on offer in Islington, the only problem will be fitting it all in!

With youth projects, parks, leisure centres, libraries and schools all over the borough putting on events over the Easter holidays, there will be activities to suit all ages and interests.

Islington's Easter University is back, running a varied programme of courses for young people aged 10–16. Courses are always popular, so make sure you book your place early. You will be able to enrol from mid-March.

Local resident Aaron, 16, said he's really looking forward to getting stuck into loads of different activities this Easter. "For the Easter holidays, I'm going to be swimming, playing football, boxing ... there is loads going on and I'm looking forward to it."

Why not try your hand at one of the following?

Traditional animation course

This is a great opportunity for budding animators who want to learn the basics of Flash animation. The course will teach the basics of animation in Flash, action script and adding sound. At the end of the course, you'll take home a copy of your work on CD.

Introduction to canoeing

Try out a variety of water-based activities, including canoeing, kayaking, sailing and powerboat driving.

Street dance

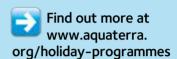
Why not try out Street and break dance classes with young and exciting choreographers who will teach young people the latest beats and moves. They are open to boys and girls at the newly refurbished dance studio at St Mary's youth centre.

Full details of activities will be available online from 22 March at www.

islington.gov.uk/easteractive

Active Easter

There will be an actionpacked programme of activities running throughout the Easter holidays in the borough's leisure centres. Activities include swimming and fun pool sessions, soft play, and camps and courses in tennis, football, badminton, table tennis and cheerleading.





Islington Apprentice Scheme Recruiting Now!

Don't miss out on a great opportunity to work and train as an apprentice at Islington Council. Roles range from admin to care work and parks jobs.

If you're an Islington school leaver or resident, are 16 or over and are not qualified to NVQ4 or degree level, apply by Monday 22 March.

Visit: www.islington.gov.uk/apprentices Email: islingtonworking@islington.gov.uk Call: 020 7527 4486



Youth clubs and projects

Islington's youth clubs and projects provide safe places to go for young people aged 11–19, and up to 25 for young people with special educational needs or disabilities. There are activities for everyone, so find out where your local centre is by going to www.islington.gov.uk/ youngpeople and clicking on youth projects.



Sustainability Easter Events

There will be exciting family events at Islington Ecology Centre and the i-recycle centre over Easter.

To find out more, call 020 7727 4462 or email sustainabilitycentres@islington.gov.uk

"There's loads going on and I'm looking forward to it"

Aaron, 16

Easter Bonanza and Fun Days

Come along for storytelling and songs, a visit from the Easter Bunny and egg hunts. **Where:** Kinloch Gardens,

When: 27 March, noon-4pm

Where: Newington Green, Newington Green Road, N5 When: 3 April, please call

for times

For more information, contact the Greenspace Ranger on 07769 163341.



Eggstream Easter Egg Hunt!

Follow the clues and you'll get a whistlestop tour of the museum as well as an egg!

Islington Museum, 245 St John Street, EC1V 4NB

245 St John Street, EC1V 4NB 9 April – drop in any time from 10am-5pm



Easter Egg Hunts

Come and search for hidden Easter eggs in Islington's Greenspaces. These hunts are for children under 12, who must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Tuesday 6 April Whittington Park

12noon-1pm

Thursday 8 AprilFortune Street Park
1-3pm

Friday 9 AprilElthorne Park 12noon-1pm

Monday 12 April Foxham Gardens

Foxham Gardens 12noon-1pm

Wednesday 14 April Wray Crescent 12noon-1pm

Friday 16 April Landseer Gardens 12noon-1pm

For more details contact the ranger on 07825 098 454. For Fortune Street, call 07825 098 457.



SAFER ISLINGTON



Three local boys tell IslingtonNow how boxing has taught them discipline, improved their fitness – and given them a new-found respect for the police...

Connor is 16 and has been going to the Angel Boxing Club (ABC) in Canonbury for about a year now. "I was really nervous the first time but I really enjoyed it," he told us. "It was hard work as I wasn't fit enough at the time, but it's great exercise and the day after, when your body is aching, you know you've worked hard and achieved something."

The sessions are run by
PCs Paul Cashmore and Chris
Gould from Canonbury Safer
Neighbourhoods Team (SNT)
as a way to help combat youth
gang crime and educate young
people on living a healthy
lifestyle. PC Cashmore said:
"The young people we work
with show great commitment
"The sessions are run by
a share of SNT is not of identify people to coaches.

Working
PC Cashr
a way to people we work

and enthusiasm. We not only do boxing training but also discuss issues around drugs, alcohol and gangs."

And local residents are clearly in favour of the project. When Islington Council recently asked them to vote on local initiatives they believed would make Canonbury a safer place, the boxing project was one of two successful bids for a share of £20,000. The SNT is now in the process of identifying local young people to train as boxing coaches.

Working together

PC Cashmore says: "Sport is a way to engage with young people who otherwise would be out on the streets – it's all about diversion. We could stop and search them every day, or we can work with them – encourage them to have goals, and give them something to look forward to. It means they aren't on streets and we are breaking down the barriers between young people in Islington and the police."

Aaron, 16, studies at City and Islington College and also comes to the ABC. "I come here a couple of times a week, and it gives me something positive to do. I think it's good that the police are running this, and we get on well with them. We do what they tell us – we respect them

"My family thinks it's good too, and they come along and watch sometimes." Connor's family also approves of him coming to the club – and in fact Gus, Connor's dad, used to attend the club himself. Gus said: "I used to go to the Angel Boxing Club about ten years ago. I think it's so good for kids as it teaches them discipline, and it's been brilliant for Connor and I'm very proud

of him. He's not on the streets, he doesn't smoke or take drugs. What kids know of the police isn't always good, so it's good that you can go to places like this and see for yourself that the police are there to help the community."

Jaykey, 17, grew up with Aaron and Connor and also goes to the club. He agrees that there is much more to it than just boxing: "It raises your confidence, self awareness and self discipline, and helps you control your anger. Also, because there is lots of technical work, it keeps your mind ticking over and motivated.

"The coaches will keep you safe – they never expect you to do anything you don't feel ready for. I come two to three times a week, and I have equipment at home, so I practise there too. I also play football and I'm studying for my A-levels."

For further information about the Canonbury Boxing project, contact Canonbury Safer Neighbourhoods Team on 020 7161 9383 or 07920 233796. For more information about how Islington Council is working with the police and other partners to make Islington safer, go to www.islington.gov.uk/safer



Noisy views

There is still time to take part in our noise survey! We want to know which noises you identify with Islington – which are your favourites and those you really don't like. We also want to know where you go to find peace and quiet in the borough – do you visit a park or take solace in your home? We'll use the survey results to plan work to tackle noise and to map noisy and quiet areas.

To find out more about this survey and to fill it in online, please visit www.islington.gov.uk/ noise, or if you would prefer to receive a printed copy, contact the council's noise team on 020 7527 3258 or noise.issues@islington.gov.uk

Under 35? We want to hear from you

Are you an Islington resident under 35? If so, we'd love you to join the Islington Citizens' Panel.

Joining the panel means you can have your say about local issues from the comfort of your living room. You'll be sent a short survey three or four times a year, either online or by post, and it will take just a few minutes to fill it out and send it back.

There are already over 1,000 residents on the panel, who have answered questions about things like tackling crime, keeping healthy and what Islington should be like in 20 years' time.

But we need more young adults aged 18-35 to better reflect the local community, and we're especially keen to hear from people under 25.

If you're interested in joining the panel or want to find out more, please visit www.islington.gov.uk/consultation or call 020 7527 3480.



Ironmonger Row Baths update

A reminder to customers and residents that we are hoping for a final decision on our exciting proposals to improve Ironmonger Row Baths towards the end of February.

If we are given the go ahead, then we will be arranging to move the Ironmonger Row Baths gym to the first floor of Finsbury Leisure Centre by mid April and will then be closing the building in May 2010.

We apologise in advance for any disruption during this time – though we're sure the refurbishment will be worth the wait! We'll be providing details of alternative Islington-run facilities and updates on the project in the leisure centre on our website at www.islington. gov.uk/irb



THE RIGHT TO VOTE IS A POWERFUL THING. IF YOU'RE REGISTERED.

The local elections are happening on Thursday 6 May. So that you can have your say on important issues that affect you at a local level, make sure you're **registered to vote**.

The deadline to register to vote in the local elections is Tuesday 20 April.

Registering is easy. Go to www.islington.gov.uk/voting or call 020 7527 3110.



OUT AND ABOUT

YOUNG FUN



World Book Day

We have two special events for two to four year olds taking place in libraries to celebrate World Book Day. Author David Wood will be performing storytelling and magic based on his novelty books on 2 March at 11am in Central Library, 2 Fieldway Crescent, N5 1PF. Effua Daniels will be telling stories with songs on 4 March at 11am in South Library, 115-117 Essex Rd, N1 2SL. Booking is essential. Please contact Geoff James on 020 7527 6997 or email geoff.james@islington.gov.



Creative Collage

Fun for the over fives. Learn how to use different collage techniques to decorate an everyday object. Booking required.

Where: Islington Museum, 245 St John St, EC1V 4NB When: 6 March, 2-3pm Call 020 7527 2837 or email islington.musem@ islington.gov.uk

Princess and the Pea

This quirky and inventive adaptation of Hans Andersen's bedtime tale is played out among sheets and blankets with puppets and projections. Suitable for ages two to five. Call for details of baby-friendly performances.

Where: Little Angel Theatre, 14 Dagmar Passage, N1 2DN When: 10-14 March For more information, call 020 7226 1787, email info@littleangeltheatre. com or go to www. littleangeltheatre.com £8/£6 concessions



Poet, but don't yet know it?

If you're into poetry and word play, you'll love our free Poetry Slam workshops for eight to 12 year olds.

Where: John Barnes Library, 275 Camden Road, N7 OJN When: 20 March, 3-4.30pm To book contact Clive Bebee on 020 7527 7900 or email johnbarnes.library@islington.gov.uk

Children's Literature Festival

Illustration workshops, African storytelling, and a visit from the Gruffalo are just a few highlights of the Children's Literature Festival on 13 March, which marks the 50th anniversary of the Kate Greenaway nursery. Under 6s can join in the fun from 10.30am at Kate Greenaway Children's Centre, York Way Court, Copenhagen Street, N1 OUH, and the over 6s can head to Lewis Carroll Library, 166 Copenhagen Street, N1 OST from 11am. To find out more about the festival, visit www.islington. gov.uk/kidsfestival



THE ARTS



Hugging trees

An exhibition of works by Avis Saltsman, whose career spans 40 years. She is inspired by nature and uses a wide variety of media including printmaking – an area she developed since moving to Islington in 1989.

Where: Islington Museum, 245 St John Street, EC1V 4NB When: Running until 20 March. Open 10am-5pm (closed Wednesday and Saturday).



King's Cross Voices exhibition

This fascinating exhibition of images and testimonies tells the stories of a variety of people who have lived and worked in the King's Cross area.

King's Cross Voices is funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund, Camden Council and Islington Council, with support from King's Cross Central, the British Library Sound Archive and South Camden Community Learning Centre.

Where: Local History Centre, Finsbury Library, 245 St John Street, EC1V 4NB When: 15 March-29 May For more information, call 020 7527 7988 or email local.history@islington.gov.uk

Issues of care

An exhibition about care, by artists Tanya Kaprielian and Tim Sutton, exploring what it is to be a carer, or to be cared for.

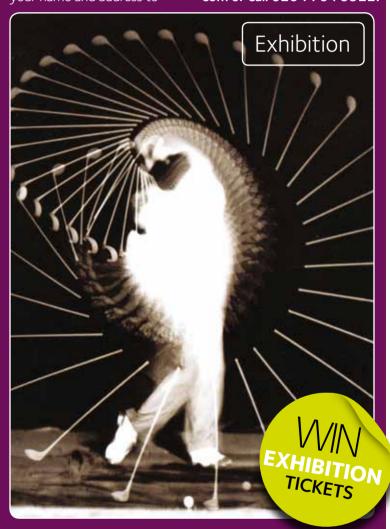
Where: Islington Museum,
245 St John Street,
EC1V 4NB
When: 6 April-28 May

We have three pairs of tickets up for grabs for Estorick On The Move, a fascinating exhibition exploring the representation and analysis of movement in the visual arts and sciences. The exhibition draws on a wide range of material in many different media to provide an in-depth examination of this complex subject.

If you want to snap up a pair of tickets, simply email your name and address to

islingtonnow@islington.gov.uk or send a postcard to Estorick Competition, Room G11, Town Hall, Upper Street, N1 2UD by 19 March.

The exhibition runs until 18 April at the Estorick Collection of Modern Italian Art, 39a Canonbury Square, N1 2AN. For more information and details of opening hours, go to www.estorickcollection. com or call 020 7704 9522.



Museum object of the month

Islington Museum was recently donated the portraits of three First World War soldiers. The brothers are thought to have lived in Prebend Street and to have survived the war.

These beautiful images show each soldier in military uniform and give clues to their rank and regiment. One of the soldiers barely looks old enough to fight. We'll be starting some research soon to hopefully unravel some of the mysteries these fascinating pictures contain.



Enjoy more of Islington's history by visiting Islington Museum, 245 St John St, EC1V 4NB. Open Mondays-Saturdays, 10am-5pm (not Wednesdays).

Holloway Arts Festival 2010

Have you got a passion for verse or a musical talent? Enter one of this year's Holloway Arts Festival competitions and show us what you can do!

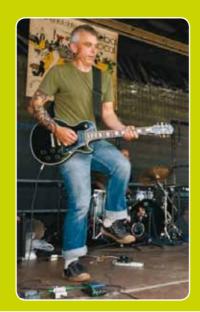
Holloway Haiku Competition: We want your take on Holloway in haiku form. Judges include the festival's Patron, John Hegley.

Battle of the Bands:
Finalists will perform at the fantastic new local venue, Rock Tower, and the competition will be judged by industry experts. The winning

band will receive a package of support worth £1,500 and performance opportunities.

Female Singer-Songwriter Competition: Entries are invited from one- or twowoman line-ups with prizes for best song and best performances.

Holloway Arts Festival 2010 runs from 24 June-4 July. Closing date for competitions is 1 May. Visit www. hollowayartsfestival.co.uk for full details.



The Apprentice

Get some top tips on starting out or developing your business from The Apprentice winner Tim Campbell and other successful entrepreneurs at our first ever Islington Enterprise Fair. There will be seminars and workshops led by specialist advisers and successful business people and an exhibition where you can network with representatives from government agencies and banks. You could also win a prize by entering your business idea into our special competition!

This free event has been organised jointly by the Islington Business Partnership in collaboration with local enterprise agencies and businesses.



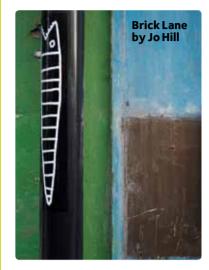
The event is on
18 March at the
Assembly Hall, Upper Street,
N1 2UD. Places are available
on a first come, first
served basis and booking is

recommended. To find out more call 020 7527 3185, email businesspartnership@ islington.gov.uk or go to www.islington.gov.uk/ businesspartnership

We want your help in choosing the Top 10 books, albums and films of the last decade. So whether you rolled back the years with the Time Traveller's Wife, hung out in Casino Royale or sang along with SuBo – get voting now! Just pick up a form from any library and pop it into one of our voting boxes. Voting finishes on 30 April and five lucky voters will be chosen at random to win a £20 book voucher.



THE ARTS



Islington Exhibits

Islington Exhibits is an initiative to unlock hidden venues to give artists and craftspeople a space to display their work.

Produced by Rowan Arts in partnership with Cubitt Education and St. Luke's Centre with support from Islington Council.

Find out how to get involved at www.therowanartsproject.com

When: 25 June-4 July

GREEN LIVING

Signs of spring

Join the ranger on a seasonal stroll to look for blooming buds, trees, wild flowers and listen for birdsong.

Where: Ecology Centre, Gillespie Park Nature Reserve, 191 Drayton Park, N5 1PH When: 7 March, 2-4pm



Green fair and organic café

Enjoy delicious vegetarian food and check out the stalls for vintage, new and 'pre-loved' items including toys, clothes, books and jewellery. Where: Ecology Centre, Gillespie Park Nature Reserve, 191 Drayton Park, N5 1PH When: 7 March, 12noon-3.30pm (and the first Sunday of each month)

Sustainable home improvements: photovoltaic panels

Want to generate electricity using sunlight? Come along to find out what bits of kit you need and what grants are available. Booking essential, adults only.

Where: Green Living Centre, 222 Upper Street, N1 1XR When: 8 March, 7-9pm

Grow your own salads

Anyone can grow salads whether you have a garden, balcony or window sill.
Come and learn the basics of how to grow salads – from exotic oriental leaves to rocket to your favourite tasty lettuces – to eat throughout the year.
Booking essential.

Where: Ecology Centre, Gillespie Park Nature Reserve, 191 Drayton Park, N5 1PH When: 14 March, 11am-1pm 28 March, 2-4pm



Grow your own herbs

A practical workshop showing you how to grow herbs in a small space and how to look after them throughout the year. Booking essential.

Where: Ecology Centre,

Gillespie Park Nature Reserve, 191 Drayton Park, N5 1PH When: 14 March, 2-4pm 28 March, 11am-1pm

Energy doctor

Come and see the Energy
Doctor for fantastic free advice
on saving energy and money
at home. Tips on making your
heating system run more
efficiently, grants for insulation
and renewable energy and a
free energy saving light bulb to
get you started.
Where: Green Living Centre,

Where: Green Living Centre, 222 Upper Street, N1 1XR When: 25 March, 5-7pm

For more on all Green Living events, call 020 7527 4462, email sustainabilitycentres@ islington.gov.uk or go to www.islington.gov.uk/ sustainabilitycentres

NOTICEBOA

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council meeting (Mayor's Civic Awards)

9 March

Executive Meeting

18 March

Council Meeting

25 March

Overview Committee

31 March

All meetings are held at the Town Hall on Upper Street at 7.30pm unless otherwise stated

The South, North and West **Area Committee Meetings**

are due to take place on 15 and 16 March. Please call in advance to check these meetings will go ahead, and for details of locations.

For more information, call Jakki Crowder on 020 7527 3251, email jakki.crowder@islington.gov. uk or visit www.islington. gov.uk/democracy



IslingtonNow is printed on 100% recycled paper

Please use your green box to recycle IslingtonNow when you have finished with it.

If you would like IslingtonNow in large print, audiotape, or another format, please call 02075273416

LONDON OVERGROUND

Closure between Stratford and **Gospel Oak**

In December, IslingtonNow reported on the multi-million London Overground improvement project. So that Network Rail can carry out vital work to upgrade parts of the network – by replacing signalling, points and tracks and lengthening platforms – there will be no service on the line between Stratford and Gospel Oak from 20 February to 31 May inclusive.

Rail replacement services will run every day during this closure period, between Stratford and Hampstead Heath.

Train services west of Gospel Oak will continue to run but with a slight change to frequency during peak times and some alterations to train routes.

For further information, you can speak to a member of station staff, visit www.tfl.gov.uk/rail and click on London Overground, or contact the London Overground Customer Services Team on 0845 601 4867 or overgroundinfo@tfl.gov.uk



CONTACTISLING

Contact Islington is the council's telephone and customer service centre based on the ground floor of 222 Upper Street, N1. Contact Islington can help you with a range of services including housing advice and environmental queries.

The service centre is open from 8am to 6pm Monday to Friday (8.30am to 6pm on Wednesday only) for your face-to-face service needs. It also opens every fourth Saturday of the month, from 9am to 1pm (third Saturday if coinciding with Bank Holiday weekends). Phonelines are open from 8am to 8pm Monday to Friday, and 9am to 6pm every Saturday

Phone: 020 7527 2000 Email: contact@islington.gov.uk Minicom: 020 7527 1900 Fax: 020 7527 5001

CONTACT YOUR LOCAL COUNCILLOR

Islington has 48 councillors. Councillors make decisions on council policy and spending. They are the people who know what's going on in your local area, and are there for you to talk to about any problems you may have with council services. They can take up your case themselves or point you in the right direction to get more advice.

You can meet any of your ward councillors in person at one of their regular surgeries, write to them at the Town Hall, email or telephone

For councillors' contact details, to find out when they hold surgeries, and for details of your local Member of Parliament, Member of European Parliament and Greater London Authority representative, please call 020 7527 2000 or visit www.islington.gov.uk/councillors



OTHER USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS

Local Leisure centres

Archway Leisure Centre 020 7281 4105

Cally Pool 020 7278 1890

Finsbury Leisure Centre 020 7253 2346

Highbury Pool 020 7704 2312

Ironmonger Row Baths 020 7253 4011

Islington Tennis Centre 020 7700 1370

Sobell Leisure Centre 020 7609 2166

www.aquaterra.org

HFI Direct (repairs)

0800 694 3344 (minicom 0800 073 0536)

repairs@homesforislington.org.uk

Partners (street properties repairs)

0800 587 3595 (Out of hours 0800 195 5255) allfirstpoint@downland.org.uk Report a Repair at

www.partnersislington.net

Islington Police

020 7704 1212

Report non-emergencies at www.online.police.uk

NHSDirect

0845 46 47 www.nhsdirect.nhs.uk







Working together for a safer London

POLICE



Your council reflects your community

Islington Council has been recognised as one of the best places to work for lesbian, gay and bisexual people. The national survey of private and public sector employers was carried out by leading gay equality charity Stonewall.

This recognition reflects our efforts to promote equality among staff and the wider community. And it's all part of our 'Dignity for All' policy, ensuring equality for staff, residents and service users alike.

Find your local library

There are ten libraries in the borough, each offering a range of services. It's free and easy to join, so get down to your local library now!

Archway Library

Hamlyn House, Highgate Hill, N19, tel 020 7527 7820, email archway.library@islington.gov.uk

Central Library

2 Fieldway Crescent, N5, tel 020 7527 6900, email centrallending.library@islington.gov.uk

Finsbury Library

245 St John Street EC1V, tel 020 7527 7960, email finsbury.library@islington.gov.uk

John Barnes Library

275 Camden Road, N7, tel 020 7527 7900, email johnbarnes.library@islington.gov.uk

Lewis Carroll Children's Library

166 Copenhagen Street, N1, tel 020 7527 7936, email lewiscarroll.library@islington.gov.uk

Mildmay Library

21-23 Mildmay Park, N1, tel 020 7527 7880, email mildmay.library@islington.gov.uk

N4 Library

26 Blackstock Road, N4, tel 020 7527 7800, email n4.library@islington.gov.uk

North Library

Manor Gardens, N7, tel 020 7527 7840, email north.library@islington.gov.uk

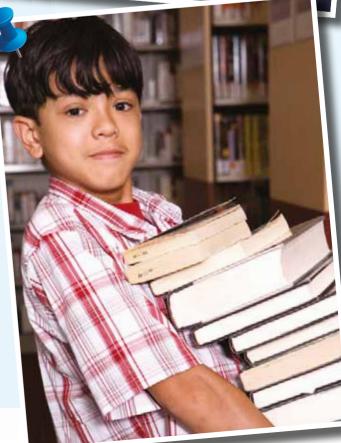
South Library

115-117 Essex Road, N1, tel 020 7527 7860, email south.library@islington.gov.uk

West Library

Bridgeman Road, N1, tel 020 7527 7920, email west.library@islington.gov.uk





PUBLIC NOTICES

MARCH 2010

ROAD CLOSURES

Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 Section 14(1) and 16A: Proposed and Made Notices

We, the London Borough Of Islington, are giving notice that we intend to make the following orders to enable works and special events to be carried out on the highway.

PROPOSED ROAD CLOSURES

Compton Avenue

Installation of Services

Effect: prohibit vehicular traffic on Compton Avenue at its junction with Edward's Cottages

Diversion Route:

a) access to/egress from

Edward's Cottages will be via Canonbury Road;

b) access to/egress from Hydes Place will be via Canonbury Lane;

c) northbound through traffic should proceed via Canonbury Lane, Canonbury Square and Canonbury Road; and

d) southbound through traffic via Canonbury Road, Canonbury Square and Canonbury Lane

Dates: from 15 March 2010 until 20 March 2010

Holloway Road

Good Friday Parade

Effect: prohibit vehicular traffic on Holloway Road at its junctions with Tollington Way, Alexander Road, Landseer Road, Kingsdown Road, Fortnam Road, Davenant Road, Marlborough Road, Fairbridge Road, St. John's Villas, Elthorne Road,

Sandridge Street, Holloway Road, Junction Road, Highgate Hill and Archway Close

Diversion Route: via local signage

Dates: from 10.30 am to 12 noon on 18 April 2010

Myddelton Square

Palm Sunday Parade

Effect: prohibit vehicular traffic on Myddelton Square, Holy Redeemer between St. Mark's Church and Exmouth Market during the baubled closure of side turnings on Inglebert Street, Amwell Street, River Street, Lloyd Baker Street, Naoroji Street, Fernsbury Street, Merlin Street, Wilmington Square, Tysoe Street, Yardley Street, Rosebery Avenue, Spafield Street and Exmouth Market

Diversion Route: via local signage

Dates: from 10.30 to

12.00 on 28 March 2010

Myddelton Square

Easter Parade

Effect: prohibit vehicular traffic on Myddelton Square, Holy Redeemer between St. Mark's Church and Exmouth Market during the baubled closure of side turnings on Inglebert Street, Amwell Street, River Street, Lloyd Baker Street, Naoroji Street, Fernsbury Street, Merlin Street, Wilmington Square, Tysoe Street, Yardley Street, Rosebery Avenue, Spafield Street and Exmouth Market

Diversion Route: via local signage

Dates: 10.30 am to 12 noon on 18 April 2010

Spencer Street

Crane Operations

Effect: prohibit vehicular traffic on Spencer Street between its junction with

Earlstoke Street and its junction with Goswell Road

Diversion Route: a) eastbound traffic via St. John Street, Percival Street and Goswell Road; and

b) westbound traffic via Goswell Road, Percival Street and St. John Street

Dates: from 13 March 2010 and may be in force until 20 March 2010

Williamson Street

Victorian Water Mains Replacement

Effect: prohibit vehicular traffic on Williamson Street between its junction with Parkhurst Road and its junction with Camden Road

Diversion Route: via Parkhurst Road, Holloway Road and Camden Road

Dates: from 8 March 2010 and may be in force until 26 June 2010

Do you want better health and social care?

Do you want your voice to count?

Come to the Islington LINk Annual Fair on Saturday 27th March at the Resource Centre, 356 Holloway Road N7 6PA from 10am to 3pm, with fun activities for all the family, hot lunch, and creche available.

- tell the LINk about your health and social care experiences.
- vote for members of the Core Group which leads LINk.
- speak to local representatives from Social Services and the NHS.

Everyone is welcome! Your views count.

To book a place at the Fair or find out more about LINk email: **LINk@vai.org.uk** or call **020 7832 5813**. Please let us know if you have any access or dietary requirements.

Islington LINk is an independent community organisation working to improve health and social care by ensuring your experience and needs are heard.













CONFIRMED ROAD CLOSURES

Highgate Hill

Protest March

Effect: a) Bubble closure of side turnings on protest march route between Whittington Hospital, Highgate Hill and Highbury Roundabout; and

b) roads affected are, Highgate Hill, Magdala Avenue, Junction Road, St. John's Way, Holloway Road, Windermere Road, Witley Road, Elthorne Road, St. John's Villas, St. John's Grove, Fairbridge Road, Wedmore Gardens, Marlborough Road, Landseer Road, Tavistock Terrace, Alexander Road, Tollington Way, Fairmead Road, Manor Gardens, Mercers Road, Windsor Road. Hercules Street, Bowman's Place, Parkhurst Road, Tollington Road, Loraine Road, Jackson Road, Hornsey Road, Liverpool Road, Palmer Place, Drayton Park, Ronalds Road, Fieldway Crescent, Furlong Road, Digswell Street and Highbury Place

Diversion Route: via local signage

Dates: from 11am on 27 February 2010

Hornsey Road

Gas Mains Replacement

Effect: a) prohibit vehicular traffic from turning left into Hornsey Road from Seven Sisters Road; and

b) suspend banned right turn from Tollington Road into Hornsey Road

Diversion Route: via Seven Sisters Road, Isledon Road and Hornsey Road

Dates: from 22 February 2010 until 5 March 2010

Islington Park Street

Carriageway Reinstatement **Effect:** prohibit vehicular traffic on Islington Park Street at its junction with Upper Street

Diversion Route: a) eastbound traffic via Liverpool Road, Highbury Station Road and Upper Street; and

b) westbound traffic via Upper Street, Theberton Street and Liverpool Road

Dates: a) phase 1: 27 February 2010 until 28 February 2010;and b) phase 2: 6 March 2010 until 7 March 2010

You can get more information about these proposed and made Orders from:
Business Service, Public Realm, The Municipal Offices, 222 Upper Street, London, N1 1YA or by phoning our Public Realm Division on extension 020 7527 2000

Dated 24 February 2010

Bram Kainth Service Director for Public Realm

LONDON BOROUGH OF ISLINGTON

DRAYTON PARK AND GROSVENOR AVENUE AMENDMENTS THE ISLINGTON (WAITING AND LOADING RESTRICTION) (AMENDMENT NO. 4) **ORDER 2010** THE ISLINGTON (PARKING PLACES) (ZONE G) (NO. 13) **ORDER 2010** THE ISLINGTON (PARKING PLACES) (ZONE Q) (NO. 12) **ORDER 2010**

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the London Borough of Islington on 22 February 2010 made the above mentioned Orders under Sections 6, 45, 46, 49 LONDON BOROUGH OF ISLINGTON

WHITECROSS STREET PRESCRIBED ROUTES

THE ISLINGTON (PRESCRIBED ROUTES) (NO. *) TRAFFIC ORDER 201*

- 1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the London Borough of Islington proposes to make the above mentioned Orders under Sections 6 and 124 of and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as amended.
- 2. The general effect of the Prescribed Routes Order would be to:
- (a) Introduce a point of "No Entry" for all motor vehicles between 10.30 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Mondays to Fridays inclusive from:
- (i) Garrett Street into Whitecross Street;
- (ii) Whitecross Street, the section south of its junction with Banner Street, into Whitecross Street, the section north of its junction with Banner Street;
- (iii) Roscoe Street, the section north-east of its junction with Whitecross Street, into Whitecross Street:
- (iv) Whitecross Street, the section south of its junction with Dufferin Street, into Whitecross Street, the section north of its junction with Dufferin Street;
- (b) Prohibit all motor vehicles proceeding in a south-westbound direction in Dufferin Street from making a right turn into Whitecross Street;
- (c) Prohibit all motor vehicles proceeding in a south-westbound direction in Banner Street from making a right turn into Whitecross Street;
- (d) Revoke the compulsory left turn into Whitecross Street for vehicles proceeding in a north-eastbound direction in Garrett Street; and
- (e) Revoke the compulsory north-westbound one way working in Whitecross Street, between its junction with Roscoe Street and its junction with Old Street.
- 3. A copy of the proposed Order and other documents giving more detailed particulars of the Order are available for inspection during normal office hours until the end of six weeks from the date on which the Order is made or, as the case may be, the Council decides not to make the Order at the following location:

Public Realm, 222 Upper Street, London N1 1YA

Further information may be obtained by telephoning Public Realm on extension 020 7527 8009.

4. Any person who wishes to object or to make other representations about either of the proposed Orders should send a statement in writing, specifying the grounds on which they are made to Public Realm, 222 Upper Street, London N1 1YA (quoting reference TMO/Whitecross Street Prescribed Route Amendments), within the period of twenty one days from the date on which this Notice is published.

Dated 24 February 2010

Bram Kainth Service Director for Public Realm



PUBLIC NOTICES

and 124 of and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as amended.

- 2. The general effect of the Waiting and Loading Restriction Order will be to provide "at any time" waiting restrictions in the lengths of street referred to in the Schedule to this Notice.
- 3. The general effect of the Parking Places Order will be to:
- (a) in Drayton Park, the south-west side, to provide a shared use parking place (residents, business and pay and display) between a point opposite the southeastern boundary wall of No. 68 Drayton Park and a point 36 metres northwest of a point opposite that boundary wall (this parking place would operate during controlled parking zone hours, with event day controls, and would have a maximum duration of stay for pay and display users of 2 hours);
- (b) in Grosvenor Avenue, the south-east side to extend the existing residents' parking place outside No. 137 Grosvenor Avenue by 8 metres in a north-easterly direction.
- 4. The Orders, which will come into force on 25
 February 2010 and other documents giving more detailed particulars of the Orders are available for inspection during normal office hours until 6 April 2010 at the following location:
 Public Realm, 222 Upper Street, London N1 1YA
 Further information may be obtained by telephoning Public Realm on extension 020 7527 2000.

Dated 24 February 2010

Bram Kainth Service Director for Public Realm

SCHEDULE

GROSVENOR AVENUE the south-east side, between a point 2.5 metres southwest of the common boundary of Nos. 149 and 151 Grosvenor Avenue and a point 3.5 metres south-west of the common boundary of Nos. 147 and 149 Grosvenor Avenue. The north-west side. between a point 6 metres south-west of a point opposite the common boundary of Nos. 149 and 151 Grosvenor Avenue and a point 8 metres north-east of a point opposite that common boundary.

Both sides, between a point 1 metres south-west of a point opposite the common boundary of Nos. 133 and 135 Grosvenor Avenue and a point 2 metres northeast of a point opposite the common boundary of Nos. 131 and 133 Grosvenor Avenue.

LONDON BOROUGH OF ISLINGTON

BRECKNOCK ROAD AMENDMENTS TO PARKING AND WAITING AND LOADING RESTRICTIONS AND CHANGES TO A ZEBRA CROSSING THE ISLINGTON (WAITING AND **LOADING RESTRICTION)** (AMENDMENT NO. 5) **ORDER 2010** THE ISLINGTON (LOADING BAYS) (NO. 2) **ORDER 2010** THE ISLINGTON (PARKING PLACES) (ZONE W) (NO. 14) **ORDER 2010** THE ISLINGTON (PARKING PLACES) (TIMES AND TARIFFS) (AMENDMENT NO. 2) **ORDER 2010**

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the London Borough of Islington on 22 February 2010 made the above mentioned Orders under Sections 6, 45, 46, 49 and 124 of and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended. The Council also made the Orders to amend an existing zebra crossing on Brecknock Road at its junction with Hilldrop Crescent under Section 23 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as amended.

- 2. The general effect of the Waiting and Loading Restriction Order will be to provide "at any time" waiting restrictions in the lengths of street referred to in the Schedule to this
- 3. The general effect of the Parking Places Order and Loading Place Order will be in Brecknock Road, the north-east side, to:
- (a) extend an existing residents' parking place outside Nos. 48 to 62 Brecknock Road by 5 metres in a north-westerly direction (providing residents' parking space for one vehicle outside Nos. 62 and 64 Brecknock Road);
- (b) remove an existing residents' parking place outside No. 42 Brecknock Road;
- (c) amend 12.5 metres of existing pay and display parking space outside Nos. 22 to 26 Brecknock Road so that:
- (a) it would operate as a loading bay which would be available for use free of charge between 8.30 a.m. and 9.30 a.m. throughout the week for vehicles loading and unloading with no maximum duration of stay within those operational times; and
- (b) it will continue to operate as a pay and display parking place, with a maximum duration of stay of 2 hours, between 9.30 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. on Mondays to Fridays inclusive; and

(d) remove 6 metres of existing pay and display parking space outside No. 16 Brecknock Road.

- 4. The centre of the zebra crossing is approximately 17 metres north-west of the common boundary of Nos. 62 and 64 Brecknock Road. The zig zag markings (denoting no stopping "at any time") would be reduced in length by 4 metres to allow for a kerb build-out to improve the appearance and amenities within the area.
- 5. The general effect of the Prescribed Routes Order will be to introduce a south-eastbound cycle lane in Brecknock Road, the north-east side of the carriageway adjacent to existing parking places, and having a width throughout of approximately 2 metres, from the common boundary of Nos. 40 and 42 Brecknock Road to the common boundary or Nos. 14 and 16 Brecknock Road.
- 6. The Orders, which will come into force on 25 February 2010 and other documents giving more detailed particulars of the Orders are available for inspection during normal office hours until 6 April 2010 at the following location:

Public Realm, 222 Upper Street, London N1 1YA

Further information may be obtained by telephoning Public Realm on extension 020 7527 2000.

Dated 24 February 2010

Bram Kainth Service Director for Public Realm

SCHEDULE

Provision of 'at any time' waiting restrictions

Brecknock Road, the north-east side between a point 0.5 metres northwest of the common boundary of Nos. 42 and 44 Brecknock Road and a point 4.5 metres southeast of that common boundary;

between a point 6 metres north-west of a point opposite the party wall of Nos. 14 and 16 Brecknock Road and a point opposite that party wall.

LONDON BOROUGH OF ISLINGTON

SOBELL LEISURE CENTRE OFF-STREET CAR PARK THE ISLINGTON (SOBELL LEISURE CENTRE OFF-STREET PARKING PLACES) ORDER 200*

- 1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the London Borough of Islington proposes to make the above mentioned Order under Sections 35 and 124 of and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as amended, under Section 19 of the Local Government Act 2000 and the Local Government (Arrangements for Discharge of Functions) (England) Regulations 2000, and all other enabling powers. The purpose of the Order will be to allow the London Borough of Islington to take over the management and enforcement of parking within the Sobell Leisure Centre Off-Street Car Park.
- 2. The Sobell Leisure Centre Off-Street Car Park is located between Hornsey Road and Isledon Road. Entry/exit into the car park is not regulated by barriers, and would be via the accessway from Hornsey Road opposite its junction with Arthur Road.

The general nature and effect of the Order would be:

- (A) In respect of the Sobell Leisure Centre Off-Street Car Park (herein referred to as the "Car Park") to provide that:
- (a) The opening times would be Monday to Sunday inclusive "at any time";
- (b) The parking spaces marked out within the Car Park to the north and west of the entrance/exit are provided for users of the Sobell Leisure Centre for their motor cars, motor cycles (with or without side-cars) or invalid carriages which display:
- (i) a valid Sobell Leisure Centre Car Park Permit;or
- (ii) a valid pay and display parking ticket purchased from a ticket machine within the Car Park;
- (c) The parking spaces marked out within the Car Park to the east of the entrance/exit are provided for users of the Sobell Leisure Centre for their buses or coaches which display:
- (i) a valid Sobell Leisure Centre Car Park Permit; or
- (ii) a valid pay and display parking ticket purchased from a ticket machine within the Car Park;
- (d) Those parking spaces adjacent to the eastern extremity of the Car Park and north of the northern boundary wall of Drummer Lodge would be suspended on event days for the use of visitors to the Emirates Stadium for their buses or coaches; and
- (e) Vehicles must park wholly within the parking spaces which are marked out for their specific use and no parking would be allowed other than in the marked parking spaces.

(B) On parking, persons using this Car Park who are unable to display the above-mentioned Sobell Leisure Centre Car Park Permit would need to obtain a pay and display parking ticket from a ticket machine within the Car Park. The payment tariff for the pay and display tickets would be:

Up to 15 minutes 20 pence Up to 1 hour £1 1-3 hours £1.80 3-5 hours £6 5-8 hours £10 8-12 hours £15 12-24 hours £25

Overnight parking will be permitted.

(C) The above-mentioned Sobell Leisure Centre Car Park Permit would be available through Sobell Leisure Centre Management at a cost of £40 per annum. To make an enquiry about obtaining a Permit, please contact Sobell Sports Centre Management at the following address:

Sobell Leisure Centre, Hornsey Road, London N7 7NY

Further information regarding the Permit may be obtained by telephoning Sobell Leisure Centre Management on 020 7609 2166.

3. A copy of the proposed Orders, plans and other documents giving more detailed particulars of the Orders are available for inspection during normal office hours until the end of six weeks from the date on which the Orders are made or, as the case may be, the Council decides not to make the Orders at the following location:

Public Realm, 222 Upper Street, London N1 1YA

Further information may be obtained by telephoning

Public Realm on extension 020 7527 8009.

4. Any person who wishes to object or to make other representations about either of the proposed Orders should send a statement in writing, specifying the grounds on which they are made to Public Realm, 222 Upper Street, London N1 1YA (quoting reference TMO 2967/Sobell Leisure Centre Car Park), within the period of twenty one days from the date on which this Notice is published.

Dated 24 February 2010

Bram Kainth Service Director for Public Realm

LONDON BOROUGH OF ISLINGTON

ARLINGTON AVENUE, BALLS POND ROAD, BEVAN STREET, CHARTERIS ROAD, COMPTON TERRACE **AND MAGDALA AVENUE** THE ISLINGTON (PARKING PLACES) (ZONE E) (NO. *) **ORDER 201*** THE ISLINGTON (PARKING PLACES) (ZONE V) (NO. *) **ORDER 201*** THE ISLINGTON (FREE PARKING **PLACES) (SOLO MOTORCYCLES) (NO.** *) ORDER 201* THE ISLINGTON (WAITING AND LOADING **RESTRICTION)** (AMENDMENT NO. *) **ORDER 201*** THE ISLINGTON (PARKING PLACES) (TIMES AND TARIFFS) (AMENDMENT NO. *) **ORDER 201*** THE ISLINGTON (PROHIBITION OF **STOPPING OUTSIDE** SCHOOLS) (NO. *) **ORDER 201***

- 1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the London Borough of Islington proposes to make the above mentioned Orders under Sections 6, 45, 46, 49 and 124 of and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as amended.
- 2. The general effect of the Orders would be:
- (a) in Balls Pond Road to provide additional residents parking space for two vehicles on the north side, outside Nos. 180 to 184 Balls Pond Road,
- (b) in Arlington Avenue to remove the business parking place and provide additional residents' parking space for three vehicles on the northwest side, adjacent to Nos. 227/229 New North Road;
- (c) in Bevan Street to provide additional residents parking space for three vehicles on the north-east side, between Arlington Avenue and No. 11 Bevan Street,
- (d) in Compton Terrace to provide additional residents parking space for one vehicle on the east side, outside No. 16 Compton Terrace;
- (e) in Charteris Road to provide additional motorcycle parking space on the north-east side, adjacent to No. 67 Lennox Road;
- (f) in Magdala Avenue, to change the hours during which the existing waiting a loading restrictions apply so that they have effect in the lengths of street specified in the Schedule to this Notice at the times specified in the Schedule to this Notice;
- (g) in Ritchie Street, to extend the "at any time" waiting restrictions on the north-west side between a point 17.5 metres north-east of the common

- boundary of Nos. 26 and 27 Ritchie Street and south-western kerbline of Liverpool Road and the south-east side, between a point 17.5 metres north-east of the common boundary of Nos. 26 and 27 Ritchie Street and point 14 metres south-west of a point opposite the northeastern wall of Nos. 30 to 43 Ritchie Street; and
- (h) make various minor amendments to the School Keep Clear Traffic Orders to bring them into line with the current on-street layout.
- 3. A copy of the proposed Orders and other documents giving more detailed particulars of the Orders are available for inspection during normal office hours until the end of six weeks from the date on which the Orders are made or, as the case may be, the Council decides not to make the Orders at the following location:

Public Realm, 222 Upper Street, London N1 1YA

Further information may be obtained by telephoning Public Realm on extension 020 7527 2000.

4. Any person who wishes to object or to make other representations about any of the proposed Orders should send a statement in writing, specifying the grounds on which they are made to Public Realm, 222 Upper Street, London N1 1YA (quoting reference TMO 2968/Individual Parking Assessments February 2010), within the period of twenty one days from the date on which this Notice is published.

Dated 24 February 2010

Bram Kainth Service Director for Public Realm

PUBLIC NOTICES

SCHEDULE

No waiting between 7 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. on Mondays to Fridays inclusive and between 8.30 a.m. and 1.30 p.m. on Saturdays and no loading between 7 a.m. and 9 a.m. and between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. on Mondays to Fridays inclusive and between 8.30 a.m. and 1.30 p.m. on Saturdays.

Magdala Avenue, northwest side, between a point 6.5 metres south-west of the eastern boundary of Nos. 187 to 218 Salisbury Walk and a point 60 metres south-west of the south-western kerb-line of Highgate Hill;

Magdala Avenue, southeast side, between a point 14.5 metres south-west of a point opposite eastern wall of Nos. 111 to 150 Salisbury Walk and a point 70 metres south-west of the south-western kerb-line of Highqate Hill.

THE LONDON BOROUGH OF ISLINGTON

LONDON BOROUGH OF ISLINGTON NORTH AND WEST AREAS 20MPH ZONE THE ISLINGTON (20MPH SPEED LIMIT) (NORTH AREA) (NO.*) ORDER 200* THE ISLINGTON (20MPH SPEED LIMIT) (WEST AREA) (NO.*) ORDER 200*

- 1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the London Borough of Islington proposes to make the above mentioned 20mph Speed Limit Order under Section 84(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended.
- 2. The general effect of the 20mph Orders would be to introduce a 20mph speed limit on the streets in the Schedule to this Notice.
- 3. A copy of this notice and plans showing further details of the scheme can be inspected during normal office hours

at the following location:

Public Realm, 222 Upper Street, London N1 1YA

Further information may be obtained by telephoning Public Realm on 020 7527 8009.

4. Any person who wishes to object or to make other representations about any of the proposed Orders should send a statement in writing, specifying the grounds on which they are made to Public Realm, 222 Upper Street, London N1 1YA (quoting reference TMO/ London Borough of Islington North and West Areas 20mph Zones), within the period of twenty one days from the date on which this Notice is published.

Dated 24th February 2010

Bram Kainth Service Director for Public Realm

SCHEDULE

Streets within the London Borough of Islington on

which a 20mph speed limit will be introduced

North Area

Ashmount Road; Fitzwarren Gardens (the south-eastern north-west to south-east arm, the north-east to south-west arm, the south-western south-east to north-west arm and the north-eastern north-west to south-east arm); Gladsmuir Road; Gresley Road; Hornsey Rise Gardens; Monnery Road; and Whitehall Park (in its entirety, including the northernmost north-west to south-east arm).

West Area

All Saints Street; Astey's Row; Balfe Street; Beacon Hill: Biddestone Road; Braes Street; Brewery Road; Caledonia Street; Canonbury Lane; Canonbury Square (the northern arm, the eastern arm north of its junction with Canonbury Road, the western arm north of its junction with Canonbury Road): Canonbury Villas: Cardozo Road; Compton Avenue; Corporation Street; Crinan Street; Cross Street; Dagmar Terrace; Delhi

Street; Edward's Cottages; Florence Street; Fowler Road; Freegrove Road; Gaskin Street; Gifford Street; Goodinge Road; Halton Cross Street; Halton Road; Hartham Road; Hawes Street; Hornsey Street; Hungerford Road; Killick Street (between the southern kerb-line of All Saints Street and the north-western kerb-line of Caledonian Road); Lavina Grove; Market Road; New Wharf Road; North Road; Northdown Street (between the southern kerb-line of Wharfdale Road and the north-western kerbline of Caledonian Road); Penn Road; Pleasant Place; Quemerford Road; Railway Street; Randell's Road; Richmond Grove; River Place; Rothery Street; Rufford Street; Sable Street; Sebbon Street: Shillingford Street: Stock Orchard Street; Stock Orchard Crescent; St. Mary's Path; Surr Street; Tileyard Road; Treaty Street; Tyndale Lane; Tyndale Terrace; Vale Royal; Warlters Close; Warlters Road; Wharfdale Road; Widdenham Road; and Williamson Street.

Introducing new essential standards of care

From April 2010 new essential standards of care are being introduced gradually across all health and adult social care services in England. The Care Quality Commission (CQC), the new independent regulator of health and adult social care, will license services if they meet essential standards and constantly monitor them to make sure they are compliant with the law.

The new system means that you can expect services to meet essential standards of quality and safety that respect your dignity and rights.

NHS trusts are the first to come into the new system. From April 2010, for the first time, all NHS hospitals must by law be registered with CQC according to the essential standards.

Find out more on the CQC website at www.cqc.org.uk.





Matches to be played at Emirates Stadium (March 2010)

Tue 2 March – Kick-off 8.05pm **Brazil v Republic of Ireland** International Friendly

Sat 6 March – Kick-off 3pm **Arsenal v Burnley** Barclays Premier League

Tue 9 March – Kick-off 7.45pm **Arsenal v FC Porto** UEFA Champions League

Sat 20 March – Kick-off 5.30pm **Arsenal v West Ham United** Barclays Premier League

Subject to Arsenal Football Club's progression into the Quarter-Final Round of UEFA Champions League, the Club could be playing at home on either Tuesday or Wednesday 30/31 March or Tuesday or Wednesday 6/7 April

All fixture updates can be found on **www.arsenal.com**.

Arsenal is also offering local residents a dedicated email service to communicate fixture changes, road closures, events at Emirates Stadium and important tube/travel information. To register, send a blank email to localresidents@arsenal.co.uk and you will immediately be added to the Club's Residents email list.

Information concerning events at Emirates Stadium can also be found on the new Arsenal FC match day and event information line on **0844 931 22 11**. Calls cost 3p per minute from a landline. Mobile and other providers' charges may vary.





To buy tickets for Brazil v Republic of Ireland at Emirates Stadium on Tuesday 2nd March, please call **0844 277 3625** or visit



rsenal is delighted to have a regular spot in IslingtonNow which keeps residents up to date with all the Club's latest initiatives. This regular feature will also keep local residents informed of events and issues surrounding Arsenal and Emirates Stadium such as fixtures, road closures and transport updates.

This year sees the 25th anniversary of Arsenal in the Community. The department has been at the forefront of delivering and pioneering innovative initiatives for a quarter of a century - providing a wide range of sport, education, social inclusion and diversity programmes to the local community and beyond.

Here we're taking a look at another one of our brand new initiatives which is for young people studying Business Studies at school.

BUSINESS CASE STUDIES FOR LONDON MET STUDENTS

Arsenal in the Community, in partnership with neighbours London Metropolitan University, launched Arsenal Business Cases for A-Level, Vocational and GCSE students at Emirates Stadium last month.

The workbooks, written by Paul Kitchin, Jon Pettigrew and Guy Portman for London Metropolitan Business School, provide factual and practical insights into the dynamic world of sports club management and are accompanied by a guide for teachers. School and college students can also visit Emirates Stadium for a tour and a workshop

on careers at the Club as part of the module.

Ivan Gazidis, CEO of Arsenal Football Club, said: "This is another example of Arsenal in the Community successfully working with partners to produce a meaningful piece of work. We hope this project will offer students the opportunity to see a dynamic business in action and understand the operational side of a football club.

"It's a timely piece of work since we're celebrating 25 years of Arsenal in the Community this month. The department has continually been at the forefront of pioneering activities and projects that contribute to the lives of individuals in the local community."

Malcolm Gillies, the new Vice Chancellor and Chief Executive for London Metropolitan University, who spoke at the event, added: "It is always encouraging to be pioneering new and innovative practical approaches to teaching and learning with our local partners in the community and so we are especially delighted to be launching the London Met Business School Arsenal case studies which have already proved to be extremely popular with local teachers and students in the recent pilot."

The Club is already engaged in a number of other education projects which includes the innovative Arsenal Double Club which offers a range of subjects, together with football coaching. It aims to raise confidence and ability levels in both primary and secondary schools by using teaching resources based around Arsenal



Arsenal in the Community has launched business case studies at London Met

and the beautiful game, followed by a football session with a coach.

BE A GUNNER. BE A RUNNER.

Arsenal Football Club and its Charity of the Season, Great Ormond Street Hospital Children's Charity are delighted to announce the launch of the second ever 'Be a Gunner. Be a Runner.' event which will unite Gunners at the world famous Emirates Stadium on Saturday 13 March 2010.

Registration for the 10-lap 6.4 kilometre fun-run around the outside of the Gunners' home is now open to all Arsenal fans, keen runners and anyone else who would like to support Great Ormond Street Hospital. All participants are asked to raise at least £100 in sponsorship for one of the world's leading children's hospitals. There will also be a shorter run on the day for any child aged 15 or under so it truly is a day for all the family.

To enter the challenge, supporters should visit www.beagoonerbeagiver.org and register for £15 and in return, runners will receive a special edition running t-shirt as well as training, nutrition and equipment advice from start to finish. All those who raise over £500 for the Charity will be deemed 'Top Gunners' and will receive a personally signed certificate from an Arsenal first team player to celebrate their fundraising success. All funds raised as part of 'Be a Gunner. Be a Runner.' will go towards Arsenal's season-long target of £500,000 for Great Ormond Street Hospital Children's Charity.



Arsenal Soccer Schools in Islington

Mondays (6-8 year olds) and Tuesdays (9-11 year olds) at Sobell Leisure Centre, N7: 4-5.15pm

Wednesdays (6-8 year olds) at Rosemary Gardens, N1: 4-5pm and 5-6pm (9-11 year olds)

Saturdays (6-8 year olds) at Rosemary Gardens, N1: 11am-12pm and 1-2pm (9-11 year olds)

All sessions are £3. For more information please call 020 7704 4156 Selected players will be invited to join the advanced Soccer School Squad for additional training



No Smoking day Who are you Stopping For?



There are many good reasons to stop smoking but finding a person in your life that can give you an extra bit of motivation and support could be exactly what you need to stop forever.

No Smoking Day is on Wednesday 10th March. Set your own quit date anytime you like and go smokefree by calling freephone **0800 093 9030**



