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## The Newsletter for the Ponders End Community



**Speakers at the Inter-Faith Seminar, March 2010**

Left to right: Boopendre Sundhoo, Hindu priest, Cllr Chaudhury Anwar MBE, Andy Love MP, Ajmal Masroor, Muslim Council of Britain, Dr. Richard Stone, President of Alif-Aleph, Chief Supt David Tucker, Enfield Police Commander and Revd Fr Richard Knowing from St Alphege and St Matthew's Churches - see page 2

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**Free Community Festival**  
**Sunday, 16th May 2010, 2pm-6pm**  
**at Ponders End Youth Centre**  
 Some activities also in the park (weather permitting)  
 See insert for more details. Everyone is welcome.  
 Free food, entertainment and stalls

**PECDT Annual General Meeting**  
 The meeting will be held in Vincent House on  
**Wednesday, 2nd June 2010 at 6.00pm.**  
 All are invited. Free refreshments will be available.  
 Please confirm your attendance on 020 8805 0412.



Local park was the theme for modeling activity at the Peace Festival - see insert



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# Is Islam A Threat?

*Bernie Rees reports on the Inter-Faith Seminar held in March in Kingsmead School*

"This is an appeal to our common humanity," said local Councillor Chaudhury Anwar MBE. "It is too important to ignore. If we don't know how to relate to one another, we will all be ashamed." Enfield Bangladesh Welfare Association (EBWA) hosted this important inter-faith debate for the second year on Saturday afternoon 20th March.

People of all ages defied the rain to be there, filling the auditorium. Families came with their children, all welcomed and well-fed by the cheerful, professional young men from Punjab Catering.

Tabassum Ferdous from Channel S TV introduced our host, Chaudhury Anwar, and guest speakers Ajmal Masroor, Lecturer and TV presenter from the Muslim Council of Britain; Revd Fr Richard Knowling from St Alphege and St Matthew's Churches; Chief Supt. David Tucker, Enfield Borough Police Commander; Dr Richard Stone, President of Alif-Aleph UK; and Boopendre Sundhoo BA, MA, Ayurvedic Practitioner and Hindu Priest. Andy Love M.P. gave a final summary. How often are we lucky enough to hear a debate led by two Muslims, a Christian, a policeman, a Jew, a Hindu and a politician?!

For the full story, you can get a copy of the report from EBWA. Here I can only give you a flavour of the speeches.

Islam – the word means 'submission' - is often presented as a threat by the "media", with tales of extremists and Shariah law, Ajmal told us. But the Qu'ran states, 'Always treat all humans with dignity.' So how is that a threat?

He said Islam has been reduced by some people to a set of rules, to outward forms. This happens to other religions too. But demonising religion is dangerous. If there is something we do not understand, let's talk about it, let's find out more about it. Unless you are involved, you are not involved! Islam is based on compassion, sincerity, civic engagement, straight-dealing. It is an asset, not a threat.

Strangers can be a threat, Father Richard said. We are strangers to one another so we always have the potential to be a threat. Faith can open us up, by listening to how deep is the faith of others. And we can start where we are. We do have power. What matters is the local. If we stay and listen hard enough, as people of faith, we have hope. Strangers can be friends.

Cdr Dave Tucker mentioned the danger of preventing what we don't like! The police are there to prevent what corrodes society – theft, violence. Extremism and strict adherence to rules can lead to using violence. We can combat it by rebutting silly arguments: for every complex question, there is a simple answer – and it's the wrong answer. We need to use debate, tolerance and respect, fairly and with dignity, basing our arguments on our own values and behaving according to them.

Islam a threat? Absolutely not! affirmed Richard Stone, who works tirelessly promoting unity between Muslims and Jews. Yes, some Moslems are violent extremists. So are some others. The epithets we use can still sound like the

Crusades! So how do we change that? Harmonise! We are not going to go away so let's work together, let's find common ground. The names we give to God - Allah, Yahweh, Brahma – sound like the breath of life we share. The more time we spend in another community, the less a stranger we feel.

"*Shantih. May there be peace,*" Boopendre started with a poem of peace. Hinduism emphasises compassion for all living beings. The aim is to understand one another and all should have an equal chance to participate. He asked, To whom are we a threat? To others or to ourselves?

A long and lively debate followed with many comments and questions from the floor. In his closing remarks well after 4 pm, Chaudhury said today we have heard and found so much in common. Never fight on the basis of faith because that is never a reason for fighting.

Finally Andy Love congratulated all on a debate which covered an enormous amount of ground. Violence will not bring about the change you want to see and we must recognise the right of minorities to have different points of view. Issues of critical importance are dealt with by the media in a one-sided way, but collective action can give the powerless the power to make changes.

Another great success for EBWA!

## LIFE OF FREEDOM PASSES EXTENDED

Freedom passes are evidence of the holders' eligibility for free travel on public transport across Greater London and beyond, subject to some restrictions on services and times of travel.

Most passes issued to the over 60s before the start of this year were due to expire on 31st March 2010. However, the powers that be have extended the life of these passes until 31st May 2010 to give more time for the holders to renew them.

The machines which read the passes will probably not realise that the passes are still valid, but public transport staff should do so. Holders should, therefore, show their passes and photocards to staff before trying to pass through any machine-controlled barriers.

Application forms to renew expired passes should be available at most Post Office branches in Greater London. The form lists what needs to accompany a renewal application. Report any problems to Freedom Pass, London Councils, 59½ Southwark Street, London SE1 0AL; telephone 0845 275 7054.

## Community Aid (Enfield) Annual General Meeting

It's one of the most interesting and best attended events of the year in Enfield's Voluntary sector. Thursday 25th March 1.00 pm. Welcome Point Community Centre fills with people, paper and the aroma of spices and rice. Splendid saris dazzle the eye. Laughter and squeals rush among the chair legs as children revel in their new-found freedom round the big hall. A distinctive AGM!

Among a hundred members and guests, it feels unusual to be one of the few men in the room, one of fewer still having no Bengali. Chaudhury is looking suitably serious chairing the proceedings. Mohammed Alom welcomes everyone – As-salaamu alaikum – the eternal greeting of peace - and gets things going after the last minute rush of papers and reports and stuff that AGMs are made of. The microphone at the top table is a very special gift, Rina announces, donated by Popy, a local music teacher who died this year tragically young. Appreciating and remembering Community Aid and the work it does is a natural part of life for residents in Ponders End.

With the minimum of fuss and ceremony, the reports of the year are read out modestly by Rina and George, revealing an astonishing amount of work from a small resource base, by a small number of staff who work ridiculously long hours making sure everyone is looked after. There is the Naree Konto (Women's Voice) project with its ESOL, sewing class, employment support and cross-sector partnership work. Then the Older People's project, the Health Zone project in its ninth year with the after-school and holiday clubs, the Women's Health Zone (keep-fit classes) and the Fair Share Trust-funded Capacity Building project. So much, so much. They remember too to thank all their many funders and supporters. The fire in Welcome Point with its catastrophic loss of records is now a distant memory.

With much nodding and smiling and gentle organising, as a matter of course the reports are proposed, seconded and adopted, the names carefully recorded, spellings checked. Next year's Management Committee of more than a dozen local heroes and heroines chosen, newcomers welcomed warmly. Shan Kilby from Enfield Council explains her role as Domestic Violence Co-ordinator, her words translated by Rina. Typical of the thorough care and preparation, around the room the leaflets and booklets reinforce the message.

And then after the few announcements, Rina invites us all to share the food. Her son was married this year so she has brought sweets for all to help celebrate the happy event. We need no second bidding. The respectful attention of the formal business is now replaced with the chatter and smiles of scores of friends mixing and milling about, for all the world like the street markets of Dhaka and Kolkota. Peace be unto you indeed and many more years of success. Full reports are available from the staff at Welcome Point Community Centre, 141 South Street, 020 8443 4361.

*Bernie Rees*

## Kestrel House Play Area Opens

*The latest in a series of 'play pathfinder' facilities constructed at almost thirty sites across the London Borough of Enfield has opened next to Kestrel House in Alma Road*



*The aeroskate in foreground with the aerospeed cableway behind it*

The April 2009 edition of the newsletter reported that Enfield Council had obtained £2,145,000 from Central Government for open air play areas with emphasis on the use of natural materials. These 'play pathfinder' facilities are aimed at those aged between 8 and 13.

In 2009 the first fruits of this programme were seen in new features installed in Ponders End Recreation Ground (access from the High Street, South Street, Walters Road and Sedcote Road) and Durants Park (off Hertford Road in Enfield Highway).

The Council also identified as a site for similar facilities the then disused play area between Alma Road and the railway, just to the north of Kestrel House (the tower block nearest to Ponders End railway station).

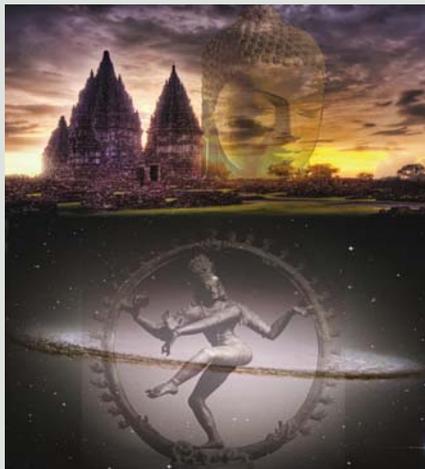
After preliminary consultations with interested parties, the Council presented its preferred design to a public meeting at Welcome Point Community Centre, South Street on 23 November.

The pieces of equipment contained in that design have now been installed. There is a four metre high rope climbing tower (pictured on front cover), a pod swing, an aeroskate and an aerospeed cableway (pictured above). The aeroskate is a skateboard-type piece designed to improve balance and coordination. The aerospeed cableway is designed to encourage users to develop confidence in climbing, jumping and sliding.

The area reopened at 19th April. An official opening event will follow at a time to be arranged.

# Indian Odyssey

*Joanna Chard, former PECDT volunteer,  
writes about her travels to India*



*It is said that Christopher Columbus, attracted to the country's wealth, was looking for a route to India when he discovered the American continent by mistake.*

Every year millions of tourists visit India. One of the first things which people experience when they come out of the airport is shock because of the radical difference in the life style of its people. I wasn't born there, but became fascinated by its history and culture. Inspired, I commenced my travels.

***I have listed below some interesting facts about India:***

Zero was invented by Aryabhata. He also propounded the heliocentric theory of gravitation, thus predating Copernicus by almost a thousand years.

In Siddhanta Siromani (Bhuvanakosam 6) Bhaskaracharya II described the laws of gravity 400 years before Sir Isaac Newton.

Infinity was a well known concept. Bhaskaracharya II in Beejaganitha (stanza-20) has given clear examples of his thoughts on this.

The value of "pi" was first calculated by Boudhayana, and he explained the concept of what is known as the Pythagorean Theorem. He discovered this in the 6th century.

Sanskrit literally means 'perfected'. It was the classical language of India, older than Hebrew and Latin.

The art of Navigation was born in the river Sindh 6000 years ago. The word 'Navigation' is derived from the Sanskrit word NAVGATI.

Maharshi Sushruta is the father of surgery. He conducted complicated operations 2600 years ago.

The World's First Granite Temple is the Brihadeswara temple at Tanjavur in Tamil Nadu. The shikhara is made from a single, 80-tonne piece of granite.

***The full article can be found on our website at:  
[www.pondersendcommunity.btik.com](http://www.pondersendcommunity.btik.com)***

*The above excerpt edited by David Abrahams*



## Futsal Club Enfield

Futsal Club Enfield was founded in 2007 by a group of boys living in and around Ponders End.

In 2009 we formed a ladies team when Secretary Rob Brassett and Claire Willicombe organised a training session at Enfield College. On the night 40 girls turned up so they decided to start a league and form the ladies team from the players playing within the league.



On Easter Saturday the ladies team travelled to Birmingham to take part in a one day competition against 5 other ladies sides from around the country.

They lost 2-0 to Team United and to Leominster in their first two games but then picked up victories 3-0 against Birmingham Force and 4-0 against Plymouth University. In their last group match they lost 3-1 to Team Bath.

They gained fourth place in the group and so went into the Semi Final where they again met Team Bath. The girls lost 6-1 and so finished in 4th place - overall a great result.

### Fixtures

18th April 2010 v Baltic Utd - 10.15 k/o @ Turin School  
15th May 2010 v Geneses - 10.15 k/o @ Turin School  
23rd May 2010 v Kickers - 10.15 k/o @ Turin School

**Entry is Adults £3.00 kids under 16 for free**

**If you are interested in joining us as a player, official or supporter please contact us on 0788 060 3108 or [fcenfield@brassett.net](mailto:fcenfield@brassett.net)**

## Looking for a Venue?

*We have Rooms for Hire at **Vincent House** on the corner of Nags Head Road and High Street. The rooms can be used for meetings, festivities, dance, exhibitions or other activities.*

*We offer a significant discount as our aim is to help Community Groups, particularly those who are local to Ponders End.*

*The regular rate is £20 per hour for the big room and £10 for the small room.*

**For more information, availability and prices contact:**

*PECDT Room Hire on 02084433858 or email to [roomhirepecdt@btconnect.com](mailto:roomhirepecdt@btconnect.com)*



*Booking Forms are also available from PECDT Website:  
[www.pondersendcommunity.btik.com](http://www.pondersendcommunity.btik.com)*

# Credit Union

By Shajan Miah

NORTH LONDON

**Credit Union**



***Ponders End Community Development Trust spoke to North London Credit Union's Chief Executive, Peter Lovell, to find out more about his organisation.***

"This could be the year that puts credit unions - huge in countries such as the US, which boasts 86 million members - on the UK map in a big way." So reckon money experts, who believe that many people will find the idea of belonging to a credit union quite appealing in the current climate.

The North London Credit Union (NLCU), based in George Mews, in Enfield Town, is a financial co-operative established in 1994 and is owned and managed by its members. Anyone who lives or works in Enfield can join, and take advantage of a good rate of return on savings, and may be able to borrow at competitive rates of interest.

Credit unions are not presently able to offer interest on savings, offering a dividend on past results instead. This is set to change, however, along with a number of other features, as legislative changes will see the biggest shake-up in the way credit unions operate since 1979.

"The present law means we cannot quote a set rate of interest," NLCU's Chief Executive Peter Lovell told us. "But dividends for the past five years have been at 5%, and even in the present climate, where banks are paying a fraction of one per cent, we are maintaining a dividend of 2 per cent."

So is the rate of return on savings the main reason people join credit unions? "It's one of many reasons," Lovell told us. "Some join for a good rate of return on their money, knowing that their money is perfectly safe. Many join because they want to be part of an ethical organization, one where they know their savings will be used for the benefit of other members of the community."

Because they are a not-for-profit organisation, any profits are retained to make the credit union stronger,

after a proportion of profits have been passed to members in the form of a dividend. "One credit union produced a series of posters referring to credit unions being 'banks without the bonuses' and 'banks without the bull'," Lovell said. "I think that's going a bit far, as I wouldn't regard us as competitors to the banks, more an ethical alternative."

Indeed, at present NLCU can only accept members who have a bank account of some kind, as all payments into an NLCU account must be made by direct debit or standing order. This is expected to change in the near future.

"A major consultation is going on at present as to how the Post Office and credit unions can work together," Peter Lovell told us. "We hope and expect that this will result in Post Offices being able to accept deposits for and make payments from credit union accounts. It is also possible that Enfield Council will assist us in securing premises where we can accept and receive cash for our members."

Meanwhile, how safe are deposits made with NLCU? "Credit Unions are covered by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme in exactly the same way as are banks, so if we were to fail, all members would get all their money back at 100p in the pound. Individual members are also insured at no extra costs, so that in most cases their loans are written off if they die, and their savings are also enhanced."

Loans are also available from NLCU, ranging from a few hundred pounds up to a maximum of £7,500. Rates are competitive for members, ranging from 0.8% per month for those saving through their employers up to 1.8% per month. You need to be a member for at least 3 months before applying for a loan, but non-members can apply for up to £500, on which interest will be charged at 2% per month (28.6% APR). They will be required to become members if their application for a loan is approved.

Business loans of up to £10,000 for start-ups and £25,000 for established businesses are also available.

*To find out more about the North London Credit Union, please see the organisation's website [northlondoncommunityfinance.org](http://northlondoncommunityfinance.org), telephone 020 8366 8244 or email [peterlovell@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:peterlovell@blueyonder.co.uk).*

**Shajan Miah** was awarded a scholarship in 2009 for his journalism work. He is training and receiving mentorship from the BBC.

# Ponders End Ward, Safer Neighbourhoods Team

*Sergeant Crawford Buchanan outlines the local Police Team's work and priorities*

## The Ponders End Safer Neighbourhoods Team consists of:

Sergeant C. Buchanan  
PCs E. McGarty, I. Jones  
PCSOs S. Hassan, S. Griffin, A. Niazi

We are here to deal with long-term local issues that can affect the quality of life of local Ponders End Residents. My team prioritises the work it does and these priorities are set by a panel that meets on a monthly basis. This panel (CAPE) consists of local residents, Police officers, staff from the local authority and other partner agencies. It is the panel that jointly decides the priorities for the team and not the Police. This ensures that we are working towards achieving solutions to Community problems.

*The priorities for my team at present are:*

**Anti Social Behaviour (ASB) by youths on the Welsh Estate**  
Historically this area was plagued by general ASB that was being caused by a small number of individuals. My team listened to the concerns of local residents and, working in partnership with the Anti Social Behaviour team from the Local Authority, we were able to obtain sufficient information from residents that allowed us to obtain an Interim Anti Social Behaviour Order on the main suspect. Since this order has been in existence, incidents of ASB on this Estate have all but ceased.

This success could not have been achieved without the cooperation with local residents.

## Anti Social behaviour by groups in the South Street area

This part of the ward has been very quiet over the winter months. Incidences of ASB traditionally increase as the weather improves and my team will be working hard to see that this does not happen. We regularly patrol the general area, the tower blocks in particular, and my staff adopt a robust policy in relation to challenging unacceptable behaviour in that area. The Ponders End Youth Centre in South Street is a valuable resource and with their new increase in staff they are now able to offer additional activities and facilities to young people in the area. My team will also be working closely with the Local Authority to reinforce the Public Drinking Ban and will deal with offenders appropriately.

## Burglary

Burglary is an issue throughout Enfield Borough. Ponders End ward has low incidence of burglary but in February we were targeted and had an increase to our usually low rates. We have consulted widely with residents and have arranged a "No Cold Calling" zone in Sedcote Road. This will help deter Distraction burglars.

A scheme to gate-off the alley to the rear of Church Road is underway and the application will be forwarded to the Local Authority in the near future.

Additionally the alleyways around Sedcote Rd and Clydesdale have also been problematic and schemes are under way to get the views of the residents before this is submitted to the Local authority.

I have also coordinated a series of surgeries in partnership with Age Concern relating to Action Against Burglary. They

have been generally well attended and those who did attend mentioned how useful the advice they received was to them.

My staff can also conduct Crime Prevention surveys on your property and if you contact the team we will be happy to assist.

Overall my team cannot be effective in their jobs without the cooperation and assistance of you, the residents of Ponders End.

## We can be contacted in several ways:

Office - 0208 345 1312      0208 721 2682  
E mail - [pondersend.snt@met.police.uk](mailto:pondersend.snt@met.police.uk)  
MPS website - [www.met.police.uk/saferneighbourhoods](http://www.met.police.uk/saferneighbourhoods)  
MPS Non Emergency - 0300 123 1212  
Crimestoppers - 0800 555 111

*We want you to tell us what's happening in your community. When we know what's happening we will do our best to help you.*

## More Time for Recycling

Enfield Council has temporarily extended the opening hours of its recycling centre at Barrowell Green (between Green Lanes and Firs Lane), Winchmore Hill, N21. Until the end of September 2010 the centre will be open until 7.30 on Tuesday and Friday evenings.

### The full opening hours are:

Tuesdays and Fridays      7.45am to 7.30pm  
Wednesdays and Thursdays      7.45am to 4.15pm  
Saturdays and Sundays      8.00am to 4.15pm  
The centre is closed throughout Mondays.

From Friday, 1 October the centre will revert to closing at 4.15pm on every day that it is open.

The centre provides facilities for residents (not trades people!) to deposit the items shown here for recycling and/or re-use.

The centre also provides disposal facilities for most general waste. It

does not, however accept metal gas containers (except those for helium balloons), motor vehicle tyres, asbestos and other hazardous waste. The Council offers advice about disposal of such material. Telephone during office hours on 020 8379 1000 or email: [waste.services@enfield.gov.uk](mailto:waste.services@enfield.gov.uk)

Drivers of saloon vehicles over 1.75 metres (5' 9") in height will need to ask the centre staff to give them access to the centre. Vans over that height will be denied entry.





## AREA FORUM: Gasworks site redevelopment

At its quarterly meeting in the Youth Centre on Wednesday 24th March, the Area Forum for Lower Edmonton, Jubilee and Ponders End Wards discussed the proposed gasworks redevelopment. Councillor Doug Taylor chaired the meeting, also attended by Ward Councillors and some Council officers.

Over fifty residents turned up, many wanting to learn what is being planned for the site in South Street, when it will happen and how it may affect people living nearby. There is currently a lot of worry and uncertainty but little information about the details and reasons.

Enfield Council plans to relocate Oasis Hadley Academy (Albany School) in 2012 to the 8 acre gasworks site to provide 1485 places for pupils aged 11 to 19, and 420 places in a new primary school, plus 100 places in a Pupil Referral Unit (moved from Edmonton), employing a total of 272 staff. Conference, business, sports facilities and "other community services" are planned for out of school hours. The site includes Welcome Point Community Hall, which will remain, and the present Youth Centre. Planning permission will be applied for in Autumn 2010.

People agreed that clearly there is a need for better access to education but not at the expense of local quality of life. Redeveloping a neighbourhood has not always delivered what was promised. The Place-Shaping process has not yet finished but the Council has already made a decision about the Academy.

As for extra traffic, a Transport Assessment carried out in Autumn 2009 stated there was already "a complete breakdown of operations" at peak periods at the South Street and High Street junction, "a bottle-neck for all modes of transport in the area."

Those present were not satisfied that a full case has been made to explain why the Academy should be built on the gasworks site.

Earlier Inspector Paul Jos gave a useful update on local policing. Gary Barnes, LBE, answered many questions from the floor, including concerns about potholes. Iain Baker, LBE, spoke about school travel plans which aim to reduce traffic congestion and encourage more sustainable ways of travelling. The detailed comprehensive Travel Plan for the Academy is still to be published.

*Bernie Rees*

## MORE THAN JUST A CAFÉ!

Head Chef Kwaku Appiah has just opened **The Dining Table**, the new café in Vincent House, serving healthy options cooked on the premises. The home-cooked food style menu includes smoothies, low-calorie meals, half-fat cakes and vegan dishes. The special menu changes daily with many cultural varieties, served in bright, modern and spacious surroundings.

### Catering Service

Kwaku also offers his catering service for all budgets, from teas and snacks to complete meals.

### Training

Kwaku ('Kwaks' to his friends) started training courses for young people five years ago in the ArtZone, Edmonton Green and now brings his expertise and enthusiasm for cooking to Ponders End. Trainees can gain NVQs level 1 & 2 at the café, accredited by Southgate College. The Café also offers free cooking demos, taster sessions, musical evenings and events.

### Helping Hands

Café staff also prepare ready-made meals, frozen for sale, donating the proceeds to the charity Helping Hands International to help build schools for children in rural Ghana.

### Opening Times

Café opening times are 8 to 5 Monday to Friday, 9 to 5 Saturdays and 11 to 5 Sundays. And evening dinner sessions 6 to 11 pm Fridays and Saturdays start this month, April.



*Vincent House, on the corner of Nags Head Road, where **The Dining Table** is based*

## Special Offers

Special offers to welcome customers to the café start this April and will run until the end of May. Main meals are £3.00 instead of £4.75 or £4.95, and any hot drink with cake is £2.50.

**Please bring this article to claim your discount.**

For all enquiries about the full range of services at the Café, please call **Kwaku Appiah** on 020 8804 2777 or mobile 07957 541 699 or email to: [thediningtable@yahoo.com](mailto:thediningtable@yahoo.com)



## Introduce a friend and get a free gift!!!

The Study Zone in Ponders End Library  
is looking for new members.

**If you know of someone who would like to join**  
please ask them to visit the Library between  
4pm - 6.30pm on Tuesdays and Wednesday  
or 10am-12.30pm on Saturdays.  
Telephone: 020 8379 1712

**The Library is in College Court, off High Street,  
opposite the Recreation Ground**

### The Study Zone offers:

- Homework Assistants;
- Internet Access;
- Books and Study Aids;
- GCSE texts.

## A WASTE DISPOSAL FACILITY OFF LINCOLN ROAD? - AN UPDATE

*The January edition of the Newsletter included an article by a resident of Lincoln Road about a proposal for a waste disposal facility on the Martinbridge Trading Estate, off Lincoln Road. That resident now describes subsequent developments.*

It is now proposed that Martinbridge be considered for the disposal of Household Waste. This is just a "recycling of words" to our minds ...

**The Ward councilors state:** "Regarding the Martinbridge Estate, the position has not changed – and we have been watching closely – as you might imagine it's something we were prepared to fight tooth and nail. The location is simply not a practical option for a waste site or incinerator, and the purchase of the Ecopark site from SITA has simply reinforced that point."

**The NWLP say:** The responses (to the 2009 consultation) are now being used to inform the development of the next version of the NWLP Plan. This is known as the Submission version and it is due to be published in late 2010. We will notify you when this version becomes available and you will have the opportunity to send in your views on it.

### IF THIS IS NOT GOING TO HAPPEN WHY IS IT STILL BEING DISCUSSED?

It is clear that the residents do not want any rubbish at the back of their houses. Factors such as noise pollution and traffic congestion speak against this development and we believe that the NWLP should disregard this idea.

**We are still very concerned.**

**Ponders End Community Development Trust is a charitable organisation working to promote a strong sense of local identity in Ponders End. If you would like to help us achieve our aim, get involved in our activities, have any comments or suggestion on the content of this Newsletter, please contact PECDT, c/o Ponders End Library, College Court, High Street, Enfield EN3 4EY. You can email: [pondersendcommunity@btconnect.com](mailto:pondersendcommunity@btconnect.com) telephone on 020 8805 0412, or visit our website: [www.pondersendcommunity.btik.com](http://www.pondersendcommunity.btik.com)**



## NIBURU RECORDINGS LTD

are recruiting now for:

### The Enfield Black and Minority Ethnic Experience From the Early 1950's – Early 1970's.

An exciting project, which will chronicle the experience of the African/Afro-Caribbean community who arrived in Enfield between the 1950's and 1970's.

So if you are from the African/Afro-Caribbean community, or if you are aged between 11 and 16 years old, or if you would like to volunteer to help, **WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

#### Members of the African/Afro-Caribbean community

Please contact us if you would like to take part in interview sessions to be compiled into a DVD and booklet. There will also be a local exhibition of the work.

#### Young people aged between 11-16 yrs old

Please contact us if you would like to help to conduct the interviews. You will be trained in Oral History, interviewing, script to transcribing, digitisation (certified), filming and editing.

#### Volunteers

Please contact us if you would like volunteer to be part of this historic project. Reasonable expenses will be paid.

This is a great opportunity to take part in a interesting and historic project, where you can make new friends, share history, share experience, socialise, also learn and develop new skills.

For more information please contact Niburu Recordings Ltd:  
[Niburu\\_7@hotmail.com](mailto:Niburu_7@hotmail.com) or 07774515745.

*"In ancient times culture was transmitted through poetry and storytelling. Needless to say, scholars, poets, philosophers and musicians have relied heavily upon the faculty of memory as a source of inspiration. Hence, memory is seen as a sacred, cosmic power through which we recollect the primary realities of human nature."*

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