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The Newsletter for the Ponders End Community



Tridhara gave a dancing workshop at the Festival in February. See page 6

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PECDT AGM

Tuesday, 10th May 2011

6pm for 6.30pm start

There will be a presentation from Bridget Evans on Oasis Academy Hadley

Light refreshments will be on offer at the start. If you are interested in attending please contact Halina on 020 8805 0412 or email pondersendcommunity@btconnect.com



Festival Fun - Street Dance Group Starz, performing to great acclaim



Councillor Ayfer Orhan addressing the participants at the Festival



Making Things - activities for children and entertainment for adults

From the Chair

In this edition of the PEN, we are pleased to report that a number of issues have now been successfully resolved.



Ponders End Park

Following an extended consultation period, it is interesting to note that there is now a unanimous support for the plans to change the name of the local park from 'Ponders End Recreation Ground' into 'Ponders End Park.'

The new design plan, now agreed, has taken into consideration views expressed by the residents at the various consultation meetings. Most importantly, it includes opening up the entrance and will also create a better space for festivals as well as the completion of a pedestrian/cycle route. I am sure that when completed by the end of the year, the Ponders End Park will present Ponders End in a new light. I am indeed delighted by the outcome.

The outline of the proposed changes are shown in the plans opposite.

Fair Share Trust

The Fair Share Trust has also approved two projects to be delivered by the Ponders End Community Development Trust. Full details on page 5.

As part of the funding, the Trust will be recruiting two part-time staff to help with the delivery of these projects. One is a **Community Development/Outreach** worker, and the second a **Food and Healthy Living Project** worker. You will find the job advertisement for the two positions on the back page of this issue of the PEN. It is the Trust's wish that these positions are filled in by local people.

Consultation

You will recall that there have been extensive consultations on the building work on the Oasis Academy Hadley. The contract has now been awarded. The contracted builders Balfour Beatty will soon be having an open day to present the Academy plans. Working in partnership with the Council we will ensure that the community is included in the planning process and its views incorporated into all decisions that will affect those who live and work in the Area.

Emmanuel Ahanonu

Ponders End Area Forum News

At the last Forum, Bernie Rees on behalf of the Trust, raised the issue of puddles in South St, and the lack of hordings for the building sites on the High St. Outcomes will be reported in future issues of the PEN.

Information on Forum content and dates can be found on the London Borough of Enfield website. Go to www.enfield.gov.uk under 'Your Council' and search under 'Area Forum'.

Park Plans get green light from Community

Daisy Johnson, Planning and Regeneration Officer for Ponders End writes...

Plans to complete the transformation of Ponders End Recreation Ground into Ponders End Park – a healthy, playful, sustainable space – were given the go ahead at a joint meeting of the **Friends of Ponders End Park** and the **Vision Team** on 13th April.

The meeting, held at the Youth Centre in South Street, was the last in a series of sessions over the past year to ensure the plans are what the community would like. There is now unanimous support from those who have been involved in the development of the project. Works to open up the entrance, create a better space for festivals, and complete the east-west pedestrian cycle route will begin on 16h May and will take a break during festival season, starting up again in September and finishing around December. Emmanuel Ahanonu, PECDT Chair, is delighted with the outcome:

"It has been a long journey, but I believe the plans we've created together with local residents are going to make a real difference to quality of life in Ponders End. It's a positive example of partnership working in action!"



The new open entrance to Ponders End Park will create a relaxing space for people to relax and for community festivals

**If you want to see the plans now, please visit:
www.enfield.gov.uk/placeshaping
or email placeshaping@enfield.gov.uk
or call Daisy Johnson on 020 8379 5598.**



Oasis Academy Hadley

One New Academy ... Many New Community Facilities

An update from your Ward Councillors, Cllr Taylor, Cllr Orhan and Cllr Anwar



Oasis Sixth Form

As many members of the community in Ponders End will be aware, the process of relocating Oasis Academy Hadley has been progressing for two years. Oasis were selected as sponsors of the Academy by the Council, based on their track record of successfully working with communities to improve the life chances of the youngsters who attend.

The Council has acquired the National Grid site in South Street for the Academy's new home. Funding for the Primary phase of the new build has been allocated to make this Enfield's first all through Academy.

Enfield Council is in the process of appointing a developer to work to design and build the new Academy. Students and staff at the Academy have been fully engaged in the process of developing designs. This year has already seen two public consultation events; the first on 11th February at Ponders End Youth Centre and the most recent on 22nd March in Alma Primary School hall. The two potential companies were invited to work with the community - local residents, parents/carers, children and young people - to develop ideas on the appearance of the new Academy. *Balfour Beatty* has been selected as the construction partner for this project.

The new Academy, built in accordance with the agreed plan, will be a modern school offering an all through education, from nursery to the age of 18. It will have outstanding features and will be equipped with the latest facilities accessible to the whole community, to allow as many local people as possible to benefit.



Oasis Secondary

The Academy, which is planned to be open in January 2013, will be at the heart of the Ponders End community and vital to the regeneration scheme which includes exciting plans to improve housing, transport and local shops.



Oasis Primary

Planned programme dates:

The procurement process began on 1st February of this year. Since this time, weekly meetings have been held with both prospective bidders; Balfour Beatty and Kier. Each bidder submitted one final design on 14th March. These designs were available to view, and comment on, at the public consultation event held on 22nd March at Alma School.

Development work on the project, in consultation with stakeholders, will continue prior to the Planning Application for the chosen design is due to be submitted to Enfield Council's Planning department on 26th April. Construction will then begin on 22nd August 2011.

Continuously keeping you informed of our progress



If you have any questions or concerns regarding the content of this article please contact Bridget Evans, South Street Campus Programme Director, on (020) 8379 3304 / bridget.evans@enfield.gov.uk or Caroline Baker, South Street Campus Programme Assistant, on (020) 8379 6854 / caroline.baker@enfield.gov.uk

Councillors Surgery Hours:

Your Ward Councillors are: Cllr Taylor, Cllr Orhan and Cllr Anwar. They hold surgeries at Ponders End Library, Saturdays 10.30am - 11.30am

New Fair Shares Trust (FST) Funded Posts

The Trust has been awarded funds from the FST to deliver two important projects in Ponders End. Below are descriptions for both.

BROKERAGE PROJECT

This project has four parts:

1. Outreach;
2. Advocacy;
3. Group Support;
4. Partnership Development.

The project will develop communication between residents, community groups and other agencies working in Ponders End, for example, the business sector, the council, and the police. Where appropriate, it will advocate for those unable or unwilling to communicate with the agencies. It will support groups and their plans for development, besides and beyond the support available from other sources. It will support plans in Ponders End which require or may benefit from joint working.

The project will also support the FST 2010 Sustainability Plan in the following ways:

- 1) assist policy makers to identify and meet local needs;
- 2) signpost groups to funding and training opportunities (especially financial management and fundraising skills);
- 3) alert individuals and groups to social enterprise options by liaising with national bodies such as Locality (formerly BASSAC and the Development Trust Association); and
- 4) hold meetings for local groups to identify who does what and what the common interests are.

The project will employ an experienced and effective outreach worker who will use a range of methods including events, meetings, visits, communication by email and updates on the PECDT website. The worker will plan and review work quarterly under the direction of PECDT and provide regular progress reports. The post will be part-time, 0.4 full time equivalent.

FOOD & HEALTH PROJECT

The Trust plans to bring together at least six local groups to run this Project of three types of training courses related to one another: Preparing Food, Growing Food and Healthy Living.

Courses will last for six weeks each, approximately two hours a week. Timings may vary in the light of experience. Students will be recruited from community groups' members and Ponders End residents of all ages. All students will be assessed during and at the end of the courses and given the opportunity to gain a formal qualification or certificate. Courses will progress to higher levels of skill and competence according to the interests of students. Courses will include outings and visits where appropriate.

The Trust will facilitate setting up a Steering Group to manage and oversee the courses, to recruit the trainers and students and to allocate tasks between themselves, including hosting meetings and other essential functions, including:

- 1) setting and reviewing course content;
- 2) monitoring, evaluating and changing where need be project progress and performance; and

- 3) exploring areas in and near Ponders End to use for growing food, using local knowledge and with the support of local groups.

The Group will include as appropriate members from other groups and agencies.

Martine Drake

Employment Advice and Support in Ponders End

Conor Cusack,
the new Ponders End Job Broker
introduces himself
to Ponders End



I'm very pleased to say that Enfield Jobsnet in South Street, Ponders End will be open from Wednesday 20th of April. You may have walked past the office during refurbishment and wondered what our service will provide, and now residents of Ponders End can come in to access their own local service dedicated to helping and supporting people from the area into work.

My name is Conor Cusack and I'm an Employment Adviser with over five years experience who will be working as the Ponders End Job Broker, part of the Job Broking team that will be providing advice, information and support at the South Street office. I will also be working in various outreach premises, including Enterprise Enfield at the Enfield Business Centre.

If you are unemployed or working less than sixteen hours a week and have the right to receive public funds then you can register. You will need to bring a Passport/Birth Certificate, proof of address and proof of National Insurance Number to your first appointment.

We will be helping residents with CVs, Interview skills, job search techniques and motivational assistance. Finding a job these days can be difficult, and it takes lots of effort and focus to move into work, we are here to assist you!

Job Broking Service open every Wednesday and Thursday from 9am – 4pm

Also.... Bangladeshi Advice Service open every Thursday

Place Shaping Information, on the changes happening in your area, open every Thursday

Ponders End Job Broker Outreach Service at Enterprise Enfield (201 Hertford Road) every Friday from 10am – 3pm

Fair Share Trust Ponders End Open for Applications!

You may remember reading about the Fair Share Trust in previous issues of The PEN.

Fair Share Trust (FST) is a 10 year investment programme from the Big Lottery Fund, working in selected neighbourhoods that have previously missed out on their "fair share" of lottery funding. The Fair Share programme in Ponders End is now being managed by The Capital Community Foundation. We are now working towards the last 2 years of the programme, and ensuring we leave a legacy for Ponders End communities.

Fair Share Trust is now open for applications from local charities and community groups addressing the following theme:

To encourage an active, healthy, thriving and inclusive community in Ponders End, improving the quality of life and wellbeing of residents.

Amount Available: Up to £128,000 to March 2013

Grant Size: Grants of between £5,000 and around £50,000 are available (please see guidelines for full details)

Period of grant: Grants are available from the end of June 2011 and must be spent by the end of March 2013

To support this objective, the delivery of the following activities is being sought in the area:

a) Provision of sporting and leisure opportunities, and the promotion of healthy living for Ponders End Residents

Under this theme, we are looking for proposals addressing the following:

- Improving access to and use of local green spaces and nature for residents of Ponders End of all ages
- Improving access to leisure, sports & healthy living opportunities for residents of all ages

b) Provision of intergenerational activities for Ponders End residents

- Encouraging residents of all ages to come together, strengthening intergenerational relations and encouraging community cohesion
- Providing opportunities for joint learning, sharing of skills, socializing and confidence building

We are particularly looking for applicants to engage with isolated older residents under this theme.



Under both areas, applicants must demonstrate that they plan to:

- reach out to residents who are not currently accessing services, facilities or activities due to barriers such as age, health, income, isolation or marginalisation, lack of confidence, mobility etc.
- focus on inclusion and improving community cohesion; encouraging people from different backgrounds, cultures and faiths to participate together and build community relations

How to Apply?

For full guidelines and an application form please visit our website:

http://www.capitalcf.org.uk/grants/grants_available.php

Please contact The Capital Community Foundation for any help or advice when completing your application:

Telephone: 020 7582 5117

Email: enquiries@capitalcf.org.uk

Looking for a Venue?



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

*For more information, availability and prices contact:
PECDT Room Hire on 02084433858
or email to roomhirepecdt@btconnect.com*

*Booking Forms are also available from PECDT Website:
www.pondersendcdt.btck.co.uk*

Could you help to deliver this Newsletter?

Volunteer Appeal

If you can help deliver The PEN on your street, four times a year, then we would like to hear from you.

Please email Halina on
pondersendcommunity@btconnect.com
or telephone 020 8805 0412

PECDT Festival

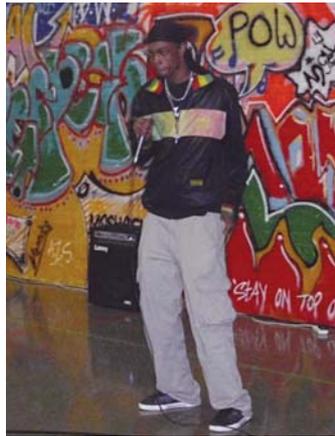
*The Trust successfully hosted the
'Fun in February'
event at the Ponders End Youth Centre.*



Festival Fun - plenty of activities and refreshments

The entertainment was compered by Cuban Redd, and the following local groups and individuals: Starz, Futureversity Band, O'Bay volunteers, and The Last Message.

In addition, entertainment and a dance workshop were given by Tridhara. There was an open mic session, and a raffle with prizes donated by the local branch of Tesco.



Performing was part of the fun!

There were also presentations from two projects of interest to people in Ponders End: 'And Then They Came' about the history of Carribean people in Enfield by Niburu (see page 7), and the 'Local' project by Mem Morrison to run in Ponders End High St.

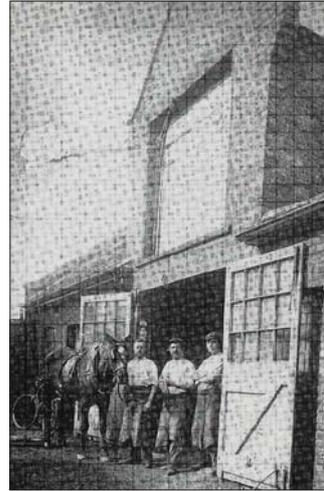
We are grateful for the hard work of the following people who volunteered on the day: Bernie, Len, Richard, Sandra and Vinni. The event was also supported by Nick Johnson (local officer for the Enfield Business Retailers' Association).



Dancing demonstration by members of 'Mencap
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The Eeles Blacksmith and Farrier Forge

Mary Smith on another of the 'lost' sites of Ponders End



Eeles Family Forge

Since 1875 the **Eeles Family Forge** stood at the back of 174 Ponders End High Street. The family moved to Enfield from Hammersmith. Stephen Eeles served in the army during the Boer War.

In 1910 they had six men working there at two forges, starting at 5.30am. By breakfast time they had fashioned 40 sets of shoes.

The Forge itself stood behind the house, literally at the bottom of the garden. Access to the Forge was down an alleyway next to the Post Office - which we know today as Tara Kindergarten - and the alley way is still there!

In 1907-1913 the King George Reservoir was built and the main transportation was horses that boosted the Forge trade.



The bombsite where the Eeles family home stood

Work continued until September 1940, when the Eeles home and Forge was destroyed by Hilter's Luftwaffe. This destruction, and the fact that horse power was in decline and motor power was taking over, forced a decision to retire from the business.

The family remained in the area, moving to Derby Road, and became involved in many local issues. The Eeles family tomb can be located in St. James Church, Enfield Highway.

In the late 1950s redevelopment began on the bombsite and, in 1962, **Ponders End Library** was built on the old Forge site.



If anyone has more information about the area and its history, please contact The PEN.

Photos and text supplied by Mary Smith.

'....AND THEN THEY CAME'



The Niburu 'Oral History Project' team

On February 16th the year long Oral History Project run by Niburu Recordings culminated in a special screening at the Millfield Theatre of the documentary that was created from the 20 interviews of African/Afro-Caribbean people who came to live in Enfield between 1950's-70's.

The evening was very well attended with over 250 people there, consisting of the young people who took part in the project; elders who had been interviewed; friends and family; other local organisations; local council representatives as well as general members of the public.

All were treated to phenomenal emotional journey charting the experiences of these people. The documentary was humorous in parts but hard hitting and thought provoking at the same time.

The documentary is an opportunity for Enfield to pay tribute to the pioneers living in its community who have incredibly colourful and vibrant stories to tell. Now these stories will be archived for all young people and elders to use as a bridge for discussion and understanding.



Rev Edley Allen enjoying a rest

The 60 minute documentary and 16 page booklet can now be used as an educational resource in local schools and instead of bringing out the same old tired material during Black History Month. Schools can now educate their pupils in the struggles and triumphs of the Black community from a local perspective. This provides a great opportunity to give names and faces to people who 'led the way' but will also give pupils a real sense of pride and identity.



Beautiful Audience

Oral History Project on African and Caribbean Community in Enfield from the 1950's - 1970's

NIBURU MEDIA

Niburu would like to thank all the people who helped create this incredible ground breaking project. We would like to encourage the local community, schools and other interested agencies to use the documentary and show the locality that Enfield is a community willing to contribute to change and growth.



*Spoken word artist
Cuban Redd blessing
the evening*

Special thanks is given to the Heritage Lottery Fund who gave funding and support for this project and also to Mr. Paul Everitt of the Millfield Theatre who agreed to the use of the venue, without who the project and the screening would not have been possible.

Niburu Recordings will continue in 2011-2012 to provide innovative and challenging projects that express the diversity and culture of Enfield.

As an organisation that does not like to rest on it's laurels Niburu will continue to push the boundaries not just using music and film.



Mr and Mrs Holness/ Mrs Maxine Scott... Elders who participated in the project

If anyone is interested in Niburu's work and would like to be involved in future projects, please contact Niburu at infoniburu@gmail.com / www.nibururecordings.com / Tel: 02000-114-313/ mob- 07872075422.

PONDERS END COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TRUSTPonders End
Community Development
Trust

The Ponders End Development Trust is a community organisation working to enhance the quality of life of people in Ponders End by providing community resources and opportunities for empowerment and civic participation.

It delivers its work with a small staff team and an active group of volunteers.

The Trust provides facilities such as its allotment project and community space for hire in Vincent House. It brings groups together to support their activities where possible, and lobbies local statutory authorities over future planning, investment and improvements for the area.

Funded by the Fair Share Trust, we are seeking to appoint enthusiastic and self-motivated persons who will help us deliver two important projects:

**Community Development/
Outreach Project Worker (part-time)****14 hrs per week***(0.4 Full Time Equivalent)***Annual Salary: £12,000***(£30,000 pro rata)***Fixed Term Contract to 31st March 2013***(subject to satisfactory performance)***Healthy Living Project Worker (part-time)****14 hours per week***(0.4 Full Time Equivalent)***Annual Salary: £10,920***(£27,300 pro rata)***Fixed Term Contract to 31st March 2013***(subject to satisfactory performance)***HOW TO APPLY**

For further information and to apply, please log into our website www.pondersendcdt.btck.com. to download the application forms as well as the job description and persons specification, or email emasonbiz@gmail.com if you require further clarification.

Closing date for both vacancies:

9.30am Monday, 16th May 2011

Interview date: Thursday 19th May 2011
It is anticipated that successful candidates will start work on 1st June 2011

Please reply to:



PECDT - Room Hire
Unit 1 Vincent House,
2e Nags Head Road,
Ponders End, Enfield Middlesex, EN3 7FN
020 8443 3858

**Enfield Women's Centre****Working for Women
and Their Families****Services and Activities May to Autumn 2011**

Counselling Service (BACP member) – a team of highly skilled and respected counsellors for a range of issues, e.g. bullying, stress, bereavement, domestic violence, sexual abuse in childhood

Training in:

'Absolute Beginners to IT' training courses
IT Workshops include; Social networking, Video Conferencing, Backing up Mobiles and Cameras.
IT Surgeries for help with problems

Groups include:

Leading Ladies cinema group
Women of Faith Together
Wednesday Coffee mornings/ talks/workshops

New group starting soon:

Support group for women wanting to lose weight
Weekly classes in Zumba, Belly Dance, Yoga

Other activities:

Walks, Boat trip to Hampton Court, Seaside, Knebworth House, Whipsnade Zoo, theatre visits, talks and workshops on a range of issues

*Opportunities for volunteering
For more information contact*

**Enfield Women's Centre, 31A Derby Road,
Enfield EN3 4AJ
020 8443 1902 or 020 8351 9128
info@enfieldwomen.org.uk**

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**COMMUNITY
FOR
CULTURE**

**Community Meetings
Every Sunday 6pm – 8pm
Starting Sunday 1st May 2011**

Come along and help develop plans and actions for events and activities that will improve the Ponders End Neighbourhood.

**Everyone's Help is needed and welcomed –
with many opportunities to participate in the exciting events for the Ponders End Area over the coming Year and beyond!**

**@ Vincent House, 2e Nags Head Road,
Ponders End, Enfield, Middlesex,
EN3 7FN**

**Contact Emmanuel:
07521 095 448
info@veevents.co.uk
For more information.**

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 telephone on 020 8805 0412, or visit our website: www.pondersendcdt.btck.co.uk