

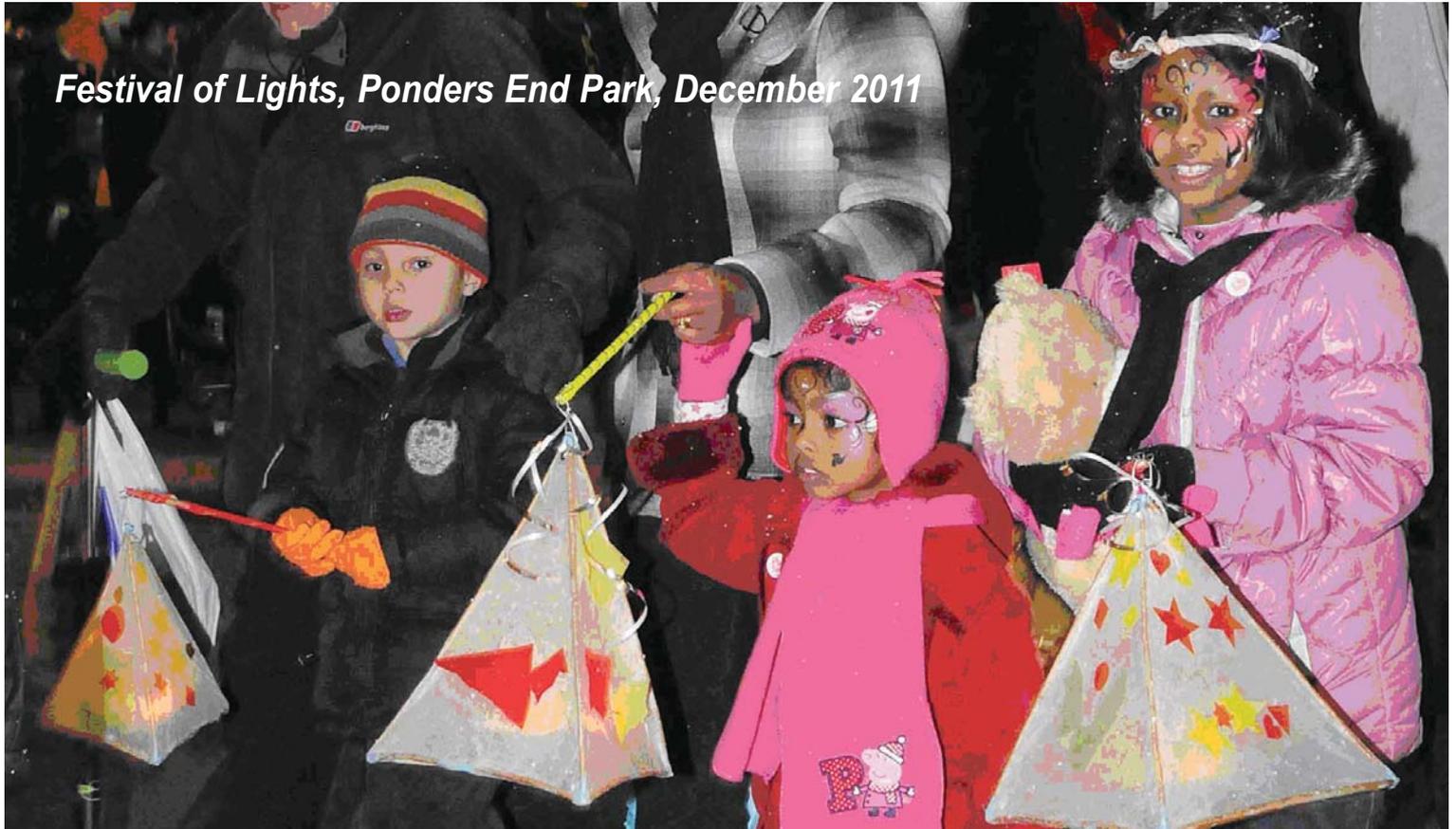
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Festival of Lights, Ponders End Park, December 2011

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Happy New Year to All!!

It seems that this year the focus is on healthy living, as we strive to keep fit, healthy and stress-free.

The PECDT is doing its part by organising a range of courses on healthy living, which include food growing and preparation, both for individuals and community groups.

If you are interested in participating please see p. 4 for details.

Mind in Enfield is opening a **Wellbeing Centre in Ponders End** and will be hosting a Launch Event in Vincent House, on **Saturday, 28th January from 10am - 4pm.**

Please see back page for details.

We hope you will make use of both opportunities.



History of Lincoln House - see page 5



Ponders End South Street - there are plans for improvements to this busy road



Jordan, the Trust's new volunteer writes about youth provision in Ponders End - p2

News from the Trust

First I would like to wish you all a **Very Happy New Year** from everyone here at the Trust. We hope you enjoyed the end of year holiday season. **The Ponders End Christmas Festival of Light** in the High Street was a wonderful mixture of fun activities and information opportunities. I believe there is a fuller report later in this PEN.

Stand out moments include the candlelit children's parade from the URC Hall in College Court to the Eagle House car park for the choir and tree lighting, the snow machine at the Goat pub completely halted the parade as the children squealed with delight and took full advantage of every 'snow flake'. The choir were wonderful, all wearing their angel's wings (including most of the local dance group STARZ) even the press photographers were dazzled by the sight of them all clambering on to the carousel which, in its turn, was a major source of fun and delight for local children.

The New Year brings with it opportunities to access funding for projects here in Ponders End. The Residents Priority Fund from the LBE was fully allocated in this ward and we hope to see the fruits of that funding soon in terms of activities for the community. The Fair Share Trust will continue to provide funds for local projects and will be publishing their criteria as it becomes available.

The Trust is looking to expand our projects building on the strengths and successes of the last year and our two workers, Kimberley Wadham and Bernie Rees. One activity we will be pursuing is the consultation on premises issues for local groups. This will start with a consultation on how the Swan Annexe might potentially be developed for community use. This is an activity which makes me personally happy as it is one of the two targets I set at the beginning of my term of office. The second target I set was to reinstate the Open Forums we used to hold. I am again delighted to announce that this is in the process of becoming a reality.

There are moves within the LBE to combat issues which are believed to be at the root of the rioting last year, this will hopefully target resources towards services and activities for those most in need in our communities. Like you, we will be waiting to hear how this will develop.

Please do contact the office with any concerns, ideas for how we can work together to promote the wellbeing of people in Ponders End.

Ginnie Landon
Chair,
Ponders End Community Development Trust

Jordan Griffith joined the Trust as a volunteer recently and was immediately recruited onto our Editorial Board. His first task was to talk to local young people and ask what they thought about the area, its facilities and what it has to offer its young population.

Below are his findings to the questions.

Youth in Ponders End

After speaking to a number of residing teenagers in Ponders End, I have found that the greatest concerns are of a lack of entertainment and of petty crime. One resident spoke of the accessible public transport, which allowed her as an older teenager to travel easily, but commented that for her younger siblings who could not travel so regularly, there is paucity of engaging entertainment.

Of crime she said, '*you have to be careful at night sometimes, because you get muggers*'. Her view of the local entertainment available was in accordance with other residents I spoke to. Many people complained of a lack of resources, and of cheap entertainment, but what do people expect? The parks local to Ponders End may be found to be dull, but they are only as dull as parks elsewhere.

Elderly neighbours spoke about an open air swimming pool with nostalgia, and the idea was received with enthusiasm from people of my generation when I mentioned it but, in reality, I cannot imagine people of my age actually enjoying such a thing. Southbury Leisure Centre, which is often host to activities such as five-a-side football tournaments, is regardless of price still a valuable resource for people of all ages. The number of libraries for example, both in Ponders End and nearby, is a resource that is still available despite closures across the country. There is possibly a need for youth clubs and other such centres where teenagers can socialise conveniently. I know some who attend social events connected with churches, but the opportunity to socialise may come at too high a price if attending church is required to do so.

The petty crime – mostly muggings – is a serious problem, consistently reported. Occasionally throughout the day a police officer may be seen on the beat. However, in the evenings, when muggings are most prominent, officers are rarely seen in the area. A friend of mine was mugged one evening while returning from the cinema. The ease with which people may be assaulted in this manner and the trouble with reporting it, let alone the prospect of any attacker being reprimanded, is troubling. It also dampens any enjoyment derived from the resources that are available. More police officers on the beat, watches brought about by a community working together, could be a solution because in the face of public service cuts, Cameron's 'big society' may be forced upon us whether we like it or not.

These two problems concerning teenagers that were reported are ones that can be resolved with the support of a community and the local authorities. Teenagers should create their own amusement, which need not be on the streets, as many of the people I spoke to suggested. The problem of crime cannot be completely eradicated, but may be aided with the support of councillors and MPs, and the co-operation of the community, especially now in a time of poor relationships between citizens and the authorities.

Please let us know if you agree with Jordan, or have a different opinion. If you would like to comment on the issues raised in the article, or contribute to the next issue, please contact the Trust on 020 8805 0412.



Lottery money where it's needed most

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Fair Share Trust Ponders End – Update

A quick reminder on what the Fair Share Trust is?

Fair Share Trust 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 being managed by The Capital Community Foundation. Over the last 9 years, a huge variety of projects and activities in Ponders End have been funded through the programme. We are now approaching the last year of the programme in which we are focusing on, among other things, ensuring we leave a legacy for Ponders End communities.

It's been a little while since we last up-dated you on progress with the Fair Share Trust in Ponders End. Well a lot's been happening! The Fair Share Trust has commissioned a number of projects doing a wide variety of work. Some projects have completed and many are currently running. Here's detail of some of the projects currently running.

Fair Share Trust Activities in Ponders End!

Job Broker for Ponders End

Fair Share Trust in partnership with Enfield Council has provided funding for a Job Broker dedicated specifically to supporting out of work Ponders End residents to explore job opportunities and secure employment. The Job Broker for Ponders End is Conor Cusack, if you would like to find out more about the Job Broker service in Ponders End, contact Conor on 02083792420.

Fair Share Trust Training Centre

The group Community Aid recently launched the new 'Fair Share Trust Training Centre' on Ponders End High Street. The centre is dedicated to supporting residents of Ponders End with training opportunities primarily. If you are interested in finding out more about up-coming training opportunities at the new centre, contact Community Aid on: 020 8443 4361.

Single Gender Swimming Classes

ECYPS Children and Young Persons' Services are providing opportunities for children and young people to take part in single gender swimming sessions. These sessions include fun activities to help children improve their confidence and stamina and develop fitness and improved swimming skills. The sessions have been running since April 2011. If you would like to find out more, contact Hamida Ali on 02083732711. They are particularly encouraging more participation in their boys session!

More Fair Share Trust projects for Ponders End residents recently funded include:

- **Women exercise classes and health workshops** - delivered by Community Aid
- **Arts and performing arts sessions** - delivered by Face Front Inclusive Theatre
- **Intergeneration debate sessions** - delivered by Niburu Recordings
- **The Ponders End Wellbeing Centre** - delivered by Mind in Enfield

Look out for more details of these and other activities in the next issue!

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PECDT COURSES IN 2012



Bernie Rees

All these courses are funded by the FAIR SHARE TRUST, part of the National Lottery. They are available to people who live in the Ponders End Ward. The Ward includes the area between Southbury Station in the west across to the Reservoir and from the Boundary Brook in the south up to The Ride in the north. We have a few extra places for those people who live outside the Ward.

Our courses are all introductory courses, run in a friendly and helpful way. Remember, you do not have to be an expert to join us. Beginners are welcome. You do need to be 16 years old or over. Please note that, since our previous article in October last year, we have been allowed to reduce the age limit from 18 to 16. And a message for mums: it's best if you do not bring your children, so you can concentrate on the session without distraction.

GROW FOOD

We will run three courses this year about Growing Food.

The first course starts **Sunday 22nd April 2012** from 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm. It is an introduction to growing your own food, with your family and with your friends, all year round. There will be six sessions, two hours long, held at the Enfield Women's Centre, 31a Derby Road. They will include presentations from our own gardeners and some practical work for you to do yourself. Please wear outdoor clothing and bring some gardening gloves if you can.

We still have a few places on this course so if you would like to join in, please be quick. Call me on the telephone number or email address below.

We are planning two more gardening courses during the Summer between June and August.

COOK FOOD

We are finalising the dates for our courses on food preparation and cooking. Courses will have eight sessions and will last for two hours each. They will offer participants the chance to gain a Food Hygiene Certificate and a NVQ, as well as having lots of fun trying out and tasting new foods!

We will run four of these courses this year. They are going to be very popular so if you would like a place, get in touch and tell us if you would prefer day-times, evenings or weekends.

LIVE WELL

Our first **Healthy Living Course** this year starts on **Monday 6th February 2012** from 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm in Vincent House, 2e Nags Head Road (on the corner of the High Street).

The course will include some interesting and enjoyable ways to help you get the most out of life! It runs for six sessions on Monday nights up to Monday 12th March.

To book your place or to find out more, please call Bernie Rees – 020 8443 3858 or email roomhirepecdt@btconnect.com

COURSES FOR GROUPS

We also run courses for community groups. If your group would like one of our courses, at the time when you usually meet, just let me know. You will need at least ten members of your group to be there. We can arrange timings to suit your meeting.

Please note that cooking sessions will all be two hours long and we will need access to a kitchen!

For more information contact: Bernie Rees
Ponders End Community Development Trust
Tel: 020 8443 3858
email: roomhirepecdt@btconnect.com

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

If you are a community group, which is in need of some help, or you are a resident of Ponders End, who would like to become more involved in the community, or even if you just want to be HEARD!!! – Contact Kimberley Wadham on 0208 4433858 or email her on kimpecdt@btconnect.com

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Firstly, HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Wow, what a year 2011 was.



Kimberley Wadham

The Ponders End Christmas Festival of Lights went very well. Lots of Ponders End residents braved the cold and came out to get their free popcorn and candyfloss! It was a successful day for the community groups, who raised their profile just that little bit more. I was asking lots of questions about services needed in Ponders End to the public, so that we can try and plan things around their need

for the future. If you didn't get a chance to speak to me about this and would still like to say, please send me an email or give me a quick call, likewise, if you would like to become more involved in future development of the area.

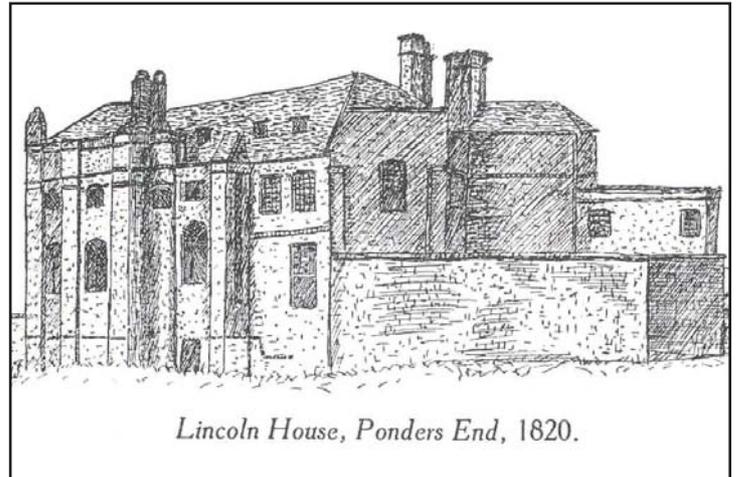
Enfield Girlguiding was well received at the Festival, with a lot of interest from parents and young ladies! For those of you that don't know, it's a girl-only organisation providing girl-only space! You can be from any background or any faith. They do arts and crafts, adventurous activities such as camping or zip-lining and so much more based around the discovery of new experiences and challenges, healthy lifestyles, global awareness, skills and relationships and celebrating diversity. Over 50% of females have been part of girlguiding in their lives! Nationwide there are 50,000 girls waiting for a space, so anyone over the age of 18, who is looking to volunteer even an hour of their time a week in a fulfilling role – please think about helping the guides! If you are interested in volunteering or becoming a Rainbow (age 5-7), Brownie (age 7-10), Guide (age 10-14) or joining the senior section (age 14-25), please contact Jacqueline on 01279 437884.

Face Front is also looking for Ponders End residents at the moment to put on a theatre production later in the year! They are looking for people to help write the play, give ideas about what the play should be about (connected to stories about living in Ponders End) and budding actors!! You don't have to be professional – just want to get involved! Please contact Annie on 07765 714384.

Enfield Handball Club have also had a kick-start this last year, so if you would like to play Handball or Petanque (or would like to know more about them!) please call Paul on 07917 043426. We would like to see this group grow, as they provide a wide range of sporting and cultural services to Ponders End residents, including learning Spanish and French!! Our hope, for 2012 is, if more people join, we may be able to organise trips to France and Spain through the group! For more information, please see www.enfieldhandballclub.org.uk

The **Sickle Cell Support Group** are also progressing, with new projects and support delivery in the pipeline – if you are a GP or pharmacy, who would like to work with this passionate group of people, or you would like more information about Sickle Cell please contact me, **Kimberley Wadham** on 0208 443 3858 or email: kimpecdt@btconnect.com.

Lincoln Road and Lincoln House



Lincoln House, Ponders End, 1820.

In the 14th Century Lincoln Road was known as Bungey's Lane (or Red Lane) which led into Green Lane, now known as Main Avenue, Bush Hill Park. In 1875 it was changed to LINCOLN ROAD.

The Lincoln House estate encompassed most of the Lincoln Road and Derby Road areas.

At one time William Wickham lived at Lincoln House. He was born in 1539 at Honylands, Enfield, grandson of John Wroth of Durants Arbour. William later became Bishop of Lincoln between 1577 – 1594.

The 2nd and 3rd Earls of Lincoln also lived there, which is how the house derived its name. When Lincoln House became a school, Isaac Disraeli was taught there. Isaac was born in Enfield in 1766, and his son Benjamin would become Prime Minister to Queen Victoria. Isaac Disraeli's house itself became a boys school, run by John Clarke, which stood on the site of what is now Enfield Town Railway Station.

There was a heraldic stained glass window in the original Lincoln House, dedicated to the Howard Family, who were The Dukes of Norfolk (made famous during Tudor times). All the roads off Lincoln Road are named after Dukes – the Dukes of Clarence, Derby, Norfolk, Oxford and Suffolk.

These family names are all connected to the history of Lincoln House. The rows of villas in Lincoln Road are also named after Lincolnshire towns, and the plaques on both Boston and Grantham Villas can still be seen today.

Tragically, Lincoln House caught fire in 1825 and was totally destroyed. Rebuilt in a Georgian style, the Conservative Club initially purchased the building in 1887, before moving around the corner into Derby Road. Lincoln House was then divided into offices and still stands today as two separate buildings - Lincoln and Wickham House.

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

Photos and text supplied by Mary Smith.

Ponders End in 2012: Thank yo**Dear Residents,**

Firstly we want to thank you for working with us for the past year in realising all our aspirations for Ponders End. It has been a pleasure working with you, and although at times we have faced difficult challenges, what we have done is worked hard in the interests of the whole of Ponders End. Thank you for your work and interest in the massive work plan we have in place for Ponders End. We all share one idea – to make Ponders End better for all of its residents. As your ward councillors, we have a role as local leaders to work with you to ensure that Ponders End plays its part in helping Enfield make a strong recovery from the recession, and that new jobs are created. We have a number of priorities that will contribute to improving quality of life for all residents not just in Ponders End but in Enfield as a whole.

These are:

1. Fairness for all
2. Growth and sustainability
3. Strong communities

1. Fairness for all

We welcome another school to work with the existing community of good schools in Ponders End, the all-through Oasis Hadley Academy with community facilities for 2012/13.

Our youth centre, with our increased investment in this facility, continues to provide a fun, supportive environment for young people, to get them off the streets.

Where other local authorities are closing libraries down, we are committed to retaining and improving the services our libraries provide, because we believe that libraries have a vital role to play in ensuring future generations have access to rewarding learning. In Ponders End we are committed to relocating the library, which is poorly positioned, into a more prominent position on the High Street. This will not only encourage more people to use library services, but will also attract more people to spend their money on the High Street, bringing benefits to businesses and creating the growth and vibrancy we all want to see.

2. Growth and sustainability

Enfield has suffered during the recent recession. You would have seen in the press how unemployment has risen, and for us in Ponders End we are feeling it the most and the loss of Middlesex University in 2009 did not help matters as this meant the loss of hundreds of students and staff, and their spending power.

Our work with you, the local businesses, voluntary sector and community groups, including the Ponders End Community Development Trust, will continue so that we send a loud and clear message to residents and to Enfield as a whole that Ponders End is open for business. You would have seen that we have started our investment in improving the environment to make it cleaner and greener.

Works to the Park are well underway to open up the entrance and create an attractive festival-ready space with a fountain and lighting. The entrance will be better able to support community festivals as well as providing space for a new market.

Our High Street has also seen new investment; the temporary festive lighting nicely complements the permanent white light of the new functional street lighting already installed along the length of the Hertford Road. The “magic moments” in trees at College Court and Swan Annex have really brightened up our High Street at this gloomy time of year.

Have you had time to visit the JobsNet office at 108 South Street yet? This new facility opened last year demonstrates our commitment to supporting the long standing unemployed back into work.

Or have you viewed the plans for the area? Why not pop along to the Community InfoDesk also based at 108 South Street?

3. Strong communities

Building strong, cohesive and resilient communities will be vital as Ponders End continues to grow.

We want Ponders End to be a place where people feel proud to live, where people from different backgrounds are welcomed and supported, where vulnerable people are protected, and where people take responsibility for their own lives and their communities.

Our pledge to you continues to be hard work, listening and responding to your needs, to be open and accountable and we hope you have seen that in the many meetings we have attended and of the Vision Team, a group of interested residents and community groups who meet regularly to shape plans and projects in the area, and not to forget our regular weekly Saturday morning surgeries at Ponders End Library.

Working in partnership with local residents, businesses and community groups is at the core of our approach to regenerating Ponders End. We already have strong partnerships and we look forward to working with you more closely in 2012 to make Ponders End an even better place to live, work, rest and provide a better future for our children.

Ponders End Christmas Festival of Light on 10 December saw more than 500 people taking to the streets to meet their neighbours and celebrate all that is great about the area, to say farewell to 2011 and to welcome in the New Year.

Your local councillors

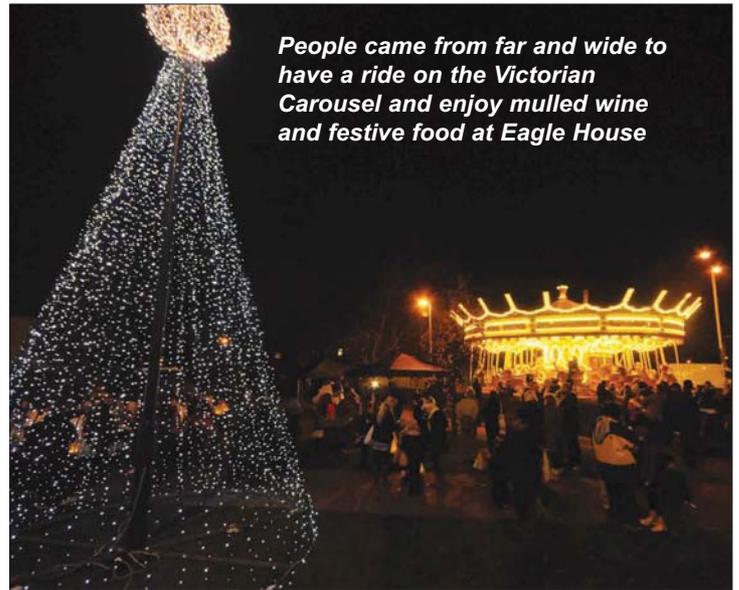
Cllr Doug Taylor
Cllr Ayfer Orhan
Cllr Anwar Chaudhury

ou from your Ward Councillors

The Ponders End Christmas Festival of Light in Pictures...



Ponders End ward councillor and Leader of the Council, Doug Taylor, switched on the Christmas tree lights, accompanied by a choir of children from local schools, led by Anita Boisogar



People came from far and wide to have a ride on the Victorian Carousel and enjoy mulled wine and festive food at Eagle House



Father Christmas popped over from Lapland to join in the fun!



Over 300 people paraded up the High Street singing carols and showing off paper lanterns they had made that day



Hundreds of people braved the weather on 10th December 2011 to enjoy the Ponders End Christmas Festival of Light on the High Street between the Library and Eagle House

...Oasis Hadley Academy News...

The Academy builders are on site!

On 14th November Balfour Beatty took possession of the South Street site where the new Oasis Academy Hadley is to be built. They spent the first 3 weeks in mobilisation - this is a process which allows time for the contractor to plan and prepare for the construction phase, and to ensure the site is secure.

The first phase of construction is underway in Falcon Road, where a road is being prepared to provide parking for Welcome Point and the Academy drop off zone. Once this has been completed, construction on the site begins.

Site Access Hours

Monday to Friday:

7am-8am	Set-up/workforce arrival
8am-6pm	Site activities
6pm-7pm	Site set-down/workforce departure

Saturday

7am-8am	Set up/workforce arrival
8am-1pm	Site activities
1pm-2pm	Site set down / workforce departure

The Oasis Academy Hadley Surgery at 108 South Street will take place on Tuesdays, from 1pm to 4pm beginning 17th January through to 18th December 2012 (excluding school holidays). Bridget Evans and Caroline Baker (South Street Campus Programme Director and Assistant) will be available with a member of the Balfour Beatty Project Team to discuss any queries you may have.

If you have any queries outside of the surgery please contact Bridget or Caroline on (020) 8379 3304 / 6854 or e-mail bridget.evans@enfield.gov.uk or caroline.baker@enfield.gov.uk.

Make a Difference to Your Community

There are many ways you can get involved in supporting local policing and improving your neighbourhood. Why not consider becoming a neighbourhood panel member or sign up to be a Special Constable or Met Volunteer?

If you are under 18 you could become a Volunteer Police Cadet or join a youth neighbourhood panel.

If you are interested in any of these opportunities contact your local Safer Neighbourhood Team or visit *Get Involved* at:
www.met.police.uk/saferneighbourhoods

Wellbeing Centre to Launch in Ponders End

A **Wellbeing Centre** is due to open in Ponders End at the end of January. The centre will provide information, courses, training and one-to-one support for a range of health and wellbeing activities.

Stephen Fox from Mind in Enfield will be hosting a Launch event in **Vincent House**, on **Saturday, 28th January from 10am - 4pm.**

Local residents are invited to come along and try taster sessions in Yoga, Stress Reduction and Meditation. There will also be presentations on Healthy Eating, Confidence Building, Relationship Skills and Assertiveness.

Lunch and refreshments will be provided free to all participants.

The centre will be open every Wednesday from 1st February. The Wellbeing Centre will be a one-stop shop for local people looking to maintain and improve their physical and mental health.

For more information contact Stephen Fox on 020 8887 1480.

Ponders End Safer Neighbourhood Team



Police Sergeant Davey
PCSO Esposito
PCSO Timson

PC Tilletson
PCSO Hassan

We are your local **Safer Neighbourhood** police team and are tackling the issues that matter most to you by working with partner agencies to find lasting solutions. Please contact us with any concerns you have, or visit the above website for more information.

London Borough of Enfield, Ponders End Team

Tel No: 020 8721 2682

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Web www.met.police.uk/teams/enfield



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