



The PEN

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The Independent Newsletter for the Ponders End Community



Residents celebrate the Queen's Jubilee with cream teas and music by Nostalgia Steelband in Ponders End Park

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Coming soon to Ponders End Park

Ponders End Global Family Celebration

Monday, 27th August

To get involved call 020 8443 3858
or email roomhirepecdt@btconnect.com



Starz - local dance group - see page 2



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The original Goat pub, still standing today - see page 3

From the Chair

The last few months have been a busy time in Ponders End. We at the PECDT held our AGM at which we had Councillor Del Goddard, Regeneration Lead as the key speaker. The High Street is due to commence undergoing changes. There is also an opportunity to participate in helping to design the area through the Draft Development Management Document consultation. There is information on these within the newsletter.

We have been approached by tenants of the Alma Estate about their poor living conditions and our staff are keeping an eye on developments. Do please contact the office if you have any concerns, observations or queries.

I am sure that everyone has noticed the very difficult traffic conditions getting to, through and around Ponders End over the last few weeks. We know they are to continue for some time and again, will be monitoring progress. It is a fact, that any piece of work, to improve road and drainage conditions in the area will have an impact on congestion.

In the last issue we made an appeal for people to help distribute copies of this newsletter in your own street, block and neighbourhood. We thank those of you that have come forward and would again, request more volunteers to help with this vital activity (*see below for details*).

We are all hoping for a reprieve from the current wet weather especially on Monday 27th August when we are planning our Community Celebration in the park. We hope to have lots of things for all ages to do, watch, enjoy as well as information on various groups, activities and services.

Meanwhile, does anyone know a good sun dance?
*Ginnie Lndon,
 Chair, PECDT*

Volunteer Appeal

Volunteer distributors needed to help get this newsletter out to the people of Ponders End.

To find out more please contact the office on 020 8443 3858

or email Kimberley Wadham on ecdtd@btconnect.com

STARZ

STARZ is a group of young people who come together and dance.

The group started as part of a **Fit for Life** Project run by Enfield Women's Centre. Funding for that ceased in 2007. As the class was popular the Women's Centre agreed to continue to support it. About a year later the dance teacher suddenly moved out of the area. The group were determined to continue and after a meeting with the Women's Centre it was agreed that Jade, Amber and Ryan would continue as peer tutors, with the Women's Centre supporting the group.

Since then STARZ has grown, people have come and gone, and the request for them to perform have also increased. Performances have included **The Global Family Festival** and the **Autumn Town Show** where STARZ performed alongside Stavros Flatley and Cerebro.

STARZ meet on Wednesdays at the Ponders End United Reform Church Hall at 4.30pm for 2 hours.

For more information contact:

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

Ponders End Community Development Trust Annual General Meeting

In May the Trust held its *Annual General Meeting*. Guest Speakers were **Del Goddard** from Enfield Council and **Lynne Dawes**, Headteacher of Oasis Academy Hadley, with her colleague **Kat Simmonds**, (Hub co-ordinator).

The speakers aimed to update the residents of Ponders End of the latest developments concerning their activities.

Both emphasised the importance of working with the community to achieve long-lasting change.

The Trust's Directors expressed a wish to work closely with both the residents and these organisations to ensure that all views and concerns are heard and acted upon.

It was a positive meeting with many questions answered and unresolved issues noted for further discussions. These included living conditions on Alma Estate, traffic and unfinished building projects on High Street.

Oasis Academy Hadley

Ponders End residents might like to know that the approximate date for the hand over date for the newly-built Academy is:

Friday 14th December

and staff will be moving in from that date.

Students will return after their Christmas break to the new building, with a phased introduction spread over the first few days of term.

The Goat Pub, Goat Lane Ponders End

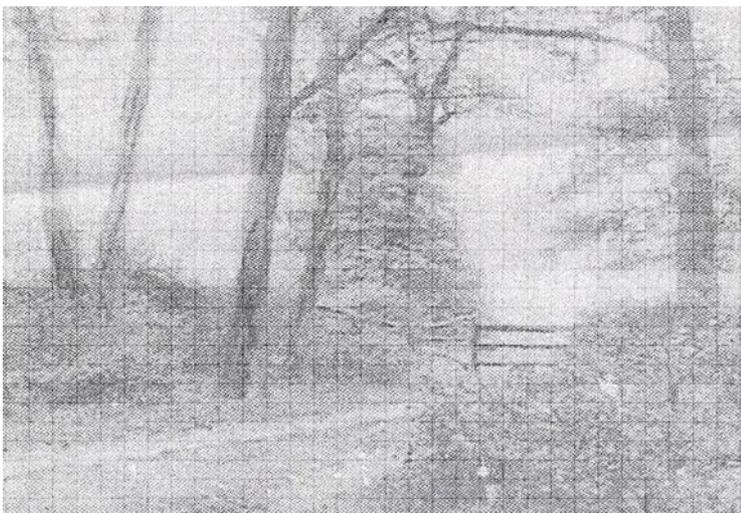
Mary Smith had researched the history of one of the most prominent buildings on Ponders End High Street



The Goat Pub 1920s - to the present day

Ponders End had at least 23 pubs within its boundaries. The Goat is only one of the two original ones remaining in the High Road, the Boundary Pub being the other.

The Goat Pub was listed as far back as 1778 and was stables, as well as an inn. It was situated on the corner of High Street and Goat Lane, now known as the Queensway.



Along the left hand side of Goat Lane stood a row of workers' cottages. There was a gate across the lane (see picture), which led into large cabbage fields and Andrews Farm. The fields stretched across to the railway line and Churchbury Station, which is now known as Southbury Road Station.

The Cabbage Fields at the back of Goat Lane started to be built on after the second World War to become the Queensway Industrial estate.

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

Photographs and text supplied by Mary Smith.

Futsal Club Enfield

FC Enfield entertained a Futsal team from Canberra, Australia last week - they were in England for a week before flying to Spain for an International Futsal Competition.

The team, called Boomerangs, played a friendly game on Wednesday against Ujem National Runners in Oxford. They lost 9-3.

On Friday they visited the ball court in Ponders End Park and played some mixed teams games with the local boys from Ponders End.

It was a great session with 10 local boys taking part. Secretary Rob Brassett was very pleased and said it was a great honour for us to have Boomerangs on the court in Ponders End and thanked them for coming along.

FC Enfield are holding open training sessions on Friday nights from 5pm on the ball court all welcome. If you are interested contact Rob Brassett on 07950 223 446, or email mail@brassett.net



For better
mental health

Mind in Enfield

Parenting Skills Course

Lasts for 4 Weeks
Cost £12.00

Starting on Tuesday 7th August 2012
1.00pm-3.00pm

Venue: Vincent House
2E Nags Head Road,
Ponders End, EN3 7FN

Facilitator - Candy Newman

For bookings and all enquiries
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Fair Share Trust - Food and Health Courses in 2012

These courses are funded by the FAIR SHARE TRUST, part of the **National Lottery**.

They are FREE this year for people who live in Ponders End Ward. It covers the area between Southbury Station in the West across to the Reservoirs and from the Boundary Brook in the South up to The Ride in the North.

There are a few extra places for people who live outside the Ward. Our courses are all basic and introductory, run in a friendly and helpful way. Beginners are very welcome! You must be 16 years old or over.

SAFETY - A message for mums: Please ask us before you bring your children with you to our gardening courses. For safety reasons, we cannot have children under 16 at the **Cooking Food** and **Living Well** courses.

GROWING FOOD

Our next **Gardening Course** starts in July in the garden at Vincent House on Monday evenings at 7.00 pm. It's about gardening in containers, including for those who do not have much growing space. Then our final course starts in August. This will be your last chance to do a free gardening course this year.

We are awarding certificates to all who complete their course. And we are organising outings to interesting places to help you plan your next steps to grow your own food. We will be in touch with you all soon to arrange dates.

Please contact us for details (see below).

COOKING FOOD

We are running two kinds of catering courses here in Vincent House this year. The first kind lasts for six weeks and includes one all-day session to get a Food Hygiene Certificate, which will allow you to make and sell food to the public. We will be running three more courses this year, usually on Mondays or Monday evenings.

The other kind of course has fifteen sessions of four hours each. It is open to people not in employment, education or training – we will need your National Insurance Number and proof of residence. On this course, you can qualify for a Food Hygiene Certificate, a NVQ2 in Food Production and certificates in literacy and numeracy. If you complete the course successfully, we will help you find work placements so that you get practical experience as well. Course will usually run on Thursdays.

We expect both courses will be popular so if you would like to join in, don't delay, contact us today (see below).

Ponders End
Community Development
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LIVING WELL

*Our first **Healthy Living Course** in February and March was very popular. So we will be running three more free courses this year, dealing with **Dieting** and **Reducing Stress**, some easy ways to cut your food bills, stay healthy and enjoy life!*

The courses are free for residents of Ponders End and will be held here in Vincent House, 2e Nags Head Road. Each course has six sessions of two hours each.

Contact us to find out more, to check the course dates, and to book your free place (see below).

COURSES for GROUPS and ORGANISATIONS in Ponders End

We can also run these courses for local community groups and organisations. If your group would like to have one of our courses for your members, at the time when you usually meet, just let us know. You will need at least ten members of your group to be there. We can usually arrange timings to suit you. Please note that cooking sessions are all two hours long, we will need access to your kitchen or we can run courses here in Vincent House.

Contact us for details (see below).

CONTACT DETAILS: for all courses, telephone us on 020 8443 3858 any time. If we are not in, please leave a short message and a contact number and tell us which course you would like to do.

**You can also email us at roomhirepecdt@btconnect.com
And check out our website <http://www.pondersend.org.uk>**

Community Projects Update

**The Capital
Community
Foundation**

FST Children's Priority Projects

The **London Community Foundation** has just awarded four organisations with Fair Share Trust funds to deliver projects relating to the Children's Fair Share priority.

Community Aid will be providing 30 young people between the ages of 12 and 16 key animation skills! With hands-on training and practical experience in developing animation skills and digitised 3D computer animation. This will include key framing, storyboarding, 3D animation and presentation portfolios. Please contact Community Aid on 0208 4434361.

Enfield Bangladesh Welfare Association (EBWA) is organising weekend cricket training sessions for the children and young people (aged 11 to 19) of Ponders End to form Ponders End Junior Cricket Team. Each session will be of 4 hours on Sundays under full supervision of qualified coach. Certificates will be provided to successful young cricketers. Admission Going On. Application form is available at EBWA, 180 High Street, Ponders End, Enfield EN3 4EU. Tel: 020 8804 4006 (Monday & Wednesday 10.00am – 3.00pm, and Thursday 3.30pm – 8.30pm).

Samafal Somali Families Association will be offering the opportunity for 45 young women to access activities locally that due to cultural and religious reasons may have not had the opportunity before. They will be accompanying and transporting the girls to and from the activities. Please contact Samafal on 0208 3732722.

Fair Play Project - Tottenham Hotspur Foundation will be providing mentoring support to 30 young disabled people to access local sports and leisure opportunities. Each individual will receive up to 30 hours of mentoring support over the next 6 - 12 months. For further details, please contact: gareth.jones@tottenhamhotspur.com

If you are a community group, who 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 on 0208 4433858 or email her on kimpecdt@btconnect.com

Volunteer Distributors

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To find out more please contact Kimberley on 020 8443 3858

Residents' Priority Fund

The **Residents' Priority Fund** is your chance to improve your local neighbourhood and get involved in local decision making! This funding was open to applications in April 2012, and there is still a substantial amount of money to be awarded.

We are looking for ideas from people who live, work, study or do business in Ponders End, that will tackle deprivation and vulnerability as well as help us achieve:

- Fairness for all
- Growth and sustainability
- Strong communities

Your local councillors will be happy to discuss your idea with you and, if keen to progress with the idea, will put it forward to a council sub-committee for final approval. To contact them:

Deputy Mayor: Chaudhury Anwar MBE

Tel: 0208 351 1374

or Email: chaudhury.anwar@enfield.gov.uk

Cllr Ayfer Orhan

Tel: 0208 351 1376 or Email: ayfer.orhan@enfield.gov.uk

Cllr Doug Taylor

Tel: 020 8379 4115 or Email: doug.taylor@enfield.gov.uk

Submissions will be assessed on the basis of their impact on tackling inequality and vulnerability.

For further information, details of how to apply or guidance for filling in the forms, please contact Kimberley of PECDT on 0208 4433858.

If you would like a copy of the application form please contact residentsfund@enfield.gov.uk with the subject 'Residents' Fund form request' or download it from the <http://www.enfield.gov.uk/residentsfund>

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

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Ponders End in 2012: Alma Residents Fa

Dear Residents:

In the last edition of the PEN we reported that we had asked officers to carry out in-depth consultation with residents of the Alma Estate to respond to their concerns about quality of life.

Following three months of consultation with local residents, the Council has now completed the Test of Opinion on the future of the Alma estate and we are in a position to report the results.

The response to the consultation was excellent, with 67% of the 717 households in the tower blocks and low rise blocks responding to the consultation. Of those that responded, 78% voted in favour of demolishing and rebuilding the estate. The process and result has been endorsed by independent firm Strategic Urban Futures who have confirmed that the Test of Opinion was undertaken in accordance with good practice and a fair basis upon which to take forward regeneration proposals.

A report is being prepared for a Cabinet meeting in July which, following the completion of the consultation, recommends regenerating the entire estate. If the report is approved, it would further underline the Council's commitment to investing in the Ponders End area.

The regeneration of the Alma estate will be the Council's flagship housing renewal scheme and it is one that has the potential to transform this area of Ponders End. The project will achieve high quality new housing, shops and facilities for local people, including new family accommodation and subsidised housing to enable first time buyers to buy into the area. Generating new employment opportunities for local people will be a priority, as will providing training and apprenticeships.

The Cabinet report will include a clear commitment to building new council housing on the estate. This is designed to ensure that all existing secure tenants can preserve their secure tenancy status by either moving to a new council property on the estate or to a council property elsewhere in the Borough. This would be the first time in over forty years in which the Council has delivered new council homes.

All existing tenants will either be rehoused in new housing on the estate or in alternative accommodation elsewhere in the Borough over a number of years depending upon their preference. The project will also address the overcrowding cases on the estate.

Design principals to guide the regeneration of the estate will be proposed in the South Street Planning Brief, which we will publish for consultation this summer.

The Council will continue to demonstrate a real commitment to resident engagement and residents will be consulted at every stage of the project.

Your ward councillors

Doug Taylor
Ayfer Orhan
Chaudhury Anwar

Regeneration Update

Favour Regeneration of the Entire Estate

Have your say on new policies that will be used to make decisions on planning applications.

As part of its Local Plan the Council is currently consulting on its Draft Development Management Document (DMD).

The DMD sets out policies that will be used to make decisions on planning applications across the borough, including the Ponders End area. It will apply to all planning applications: from small scale applications for extensions to your house, to larger scale proposals. It will be used to inform new development in areas like South Street and Columbia Wharf area. It will also influence future development in the Ponders End shopping area and help protect important open space and community facilities in the area.

More information can be found at www.enfield.gov.uk/dmd and paper copies of documents are available in Ponders End library.

Copies of the DMD summary document will be available at the Olympic **Bangla Mela** event in Ponders End Park on 14th July.

The deadline for comments is 3rd August 2012.



Children enjoyed playing on the bouncy castle and having their faces painted at the Jubilee Picnic in the Park on 3rd June



The Ponders End Picnic in the Park on Sunday 3rd June, organised in partnership with the Friends of Ponders End Park to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, attracted around 300 people who turned out to shop at the Creative Market, hear Nostalgia Steelband and enjoy free cream teas.



Traders at the second Ponders End Creative Market reported a good day of sales, despite the wet weather!

Children played on the large bouncy castle, planted seeds, painted flags and had their face painted. Despite the pouring rain the event was well received by the community. Thanks in particular to Friends of the Park members Ros West and Lisby Hector whose ideas and hard work made the day a success.

Local groups in Ponders End

Regular Courses and Activities

African French Speaking Organisation

Access Advice: Health, Housing and Council Tax, Education, Employment, Social and Cultural Issues, CV writing, Job Search, Interview skills. Every Tuesday and Thursday. Phone for further details.

Tel: 020 8373 6378 www.afsor.org.uk

Enfield Mencap

General activities for people with learning difficulties aged 18 or over; breakfast club, day centre, after school club, Saturday respite. Monday to Saturday 8am-8pm.

Tel: 020 8351 7158; anita.grant@enfieldmencap.org

Friends of Ponders End Park

No activity as such but a meeting with the council every three months to discuss issues about the Park. Next meeting: *Tuesday 7th August 2012.*

Tel: 020 8379 3740

Ponders End Youth Centre

Open access youth centre for those aged 13-19. Monday to Thursday, 7pm-9.15pm

Tel: 020 8804 1748; Ersin.ramiz@enfield.gov.uk

Age UK

There are 15 different projects in Enfield, ranging from weekly social activities to day care for people with dementia, open to those aged 50 or over. Phone for details.

Tel: 020 8375 4120

Enfield Sickle Cell Support Group

Monthly support group for sufferers of sickle cell and their carers. Every 4th Saturday of the month.

Tel: 07905 006 408; www.enfieldsicklecellgroup.co.uk

Enfield Women's Centre

Zumba, Monday, 7pm-9pm. Coffee Mornings Wednesdays 10am-12noon.

Tel: 020 8443 1902 / 020 8351 9128
info@enfieldwomen.org.uk

Community Aid

Drop in and advice for over 50's and ESOL & IT classes (ladies and men) Phone for details.

Tel: 020 8443 4361

Mind in Enfield

Drop-in sessions Wednesdays, 12.30pm-3pm.

Tel: 020 8887 1494

Enfield Women's Centre

Working for Women and Their Families



Zumba Class in Ponders End

every Monday – 7.00 – 8.00

Cost: Members £3.50 – Non-members £4.00

Venue: Ponders End United Reformed Church

Coffee mornings

Wednesdays in Ponders End 10.00 – 12.00

25th July - Talk on Wills and Inheritance Tax
by Inderjit Ahitan of Vanderpump and Sykes

Venue: Ponders End United Reformed Church

The hall is Ponders End URC Hall, College Court, Enfield EN3 4EY (opposite Ponders End library).

There is a small car park and there is a larger public car park next door. Buses include 377, 191, 419, 349 and 279. Close by are the 121, 307 and 313 (5 – 10 minute walk).

Managing Your Money

(in partnership with the CAB)

This three week course looks at budgets, jargon, debts, borrowing, where to get help

New Courses coming up; women may attend with their partners (male partners welcome)

Various IT workshops

including *Social Networking* – email, Facebook and *Downloading and using digital photos*

Confidence Building Workshops

For information on these and other courses contact:

**Enfield Women's Centre, 31A Derby Road,
Enfield EN3 4AJ**

**020 8443 1902 or 020 8351 9128
(answerphones on both machines)
info@enfieldwomen.org.uk**

Coach trips to:

Walton on the Naze

Sunday 5th August 2012

A traditional English resort with sandy beaches, safe bathing and the UK's second longest pier. Close to rare bird life and fossil finds.

Knebworth House

Monday 20th August

A historic house, surrounded by 250 acres of parkland with 25 acres of formal gardens, dinosaur trail and adventure playground.

Male partners are also welcome on outings.

For more information contact: EWC

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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 8443 3858 or visit our website: www.pondersendcdt.btck.co.uk