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New inside

Islington now prints a selection of public notices. Read on for more information about what is happening in your borough.

New year, new home

Whether you are a council tenant, rent privately or own your own property, the council has plenty of information and advice to help you make your house a home. For tips on saving both money and energy, or want to know how to make home ownership more affordable, pages eight and nine have advice and information for you.

Keep your vote!



Don't lose your right to vote! To vote in the council elections on 4 May you must register by Monday 13 March. Complete the registration form that has been mailed to you, or call the electoral services team on 020 7527 3110 or visit the website at www.islington.gov.uk/council.

The force is with you!

The streets of Islington are safer than ever thanks to Islington Council and the Metropolitan Police joining forces.

To keep residents safe the council contributed over a million pounds to make sure all 16 Islington wards received a dedicated Safer Neighbourhood team a year ahead of the rest of London.

Safer neighbourhood teams are dedicated to identifying and tackling the crimes that matter most to the local community. These might be anti-social behaviour, graffiti, noisy neighbours, jobs, drugs, or vandalism. Then, they work in partnership with local people to find a lasting solution.

Sergeant Clare Messer's, Highbury West Team has been up and running since November and says that they have already noticed a difference in the local area.

"My team are here today thanks to the council funding. Community policing really is the way forward – my team acts like a small scale police force – we can make decisions about what is best for our community and prioritise local concerns," she said.

Residents at neighbouring Blackstock Estate have also seen a difference in the area. Estate caretaker David Braganza commented, "The estate has improved a lot. We used to have problems with gangs hanging around but since the community police have been here they have gone. The residents are very pleased."

If you have concerns about day-to-day crime and disorder issues, or if you would like to get involved, turn to page five to find contact details for your local team.

Look inside for more about what's happening in and around Islington...



Heroes



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Clean hands



Safer Islington



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Welcome

Welcome to Issue 31 of *Islington*

From Helen Bailey,
Chief Executive



Awards and league tables aren't everything but when they tell a story about improved services, they really are worthwhile. The council is proud to have been awarded three stars by the audit commission. It is really good that all the service provided in Islington; the police, the PCT, hospitals, schools and colleges are improving and providing great services.

A real example of a great service which works is the ward based safer neighbourhood teams. The partnership between the council and the police means that all 16 wards now have their own local team. A complete list of contacts is included on page five.

The inspection body Ofsted celebrates the success of The Bridge School by giving them an outstanding inspection report. This is particularly good news as The Bridge School is going through a period of change and working through the challenges of operating over multiple sites in the lead up to the their new school being built.

To improve services further and develop more opportunities for people to access services online the councils website is continually being developed. Examples of new features are covered on page 13.

Finally I would urge everyone to ensure they are registered to vote so they can participate in the local elections held in May.

Helen Bailey

Your Shout

Below are some of your letters, emails and phone calls we received in response to the last issue

Footpath cyclists @

I am delighted to learn from Islington issue 30 that wheelchair and electric scooter users are whizzing around our footpaths but when are you going to do something about the cyclists using the footpaths?

Pavement cycling is a serious problem in Islington and across the UK. We work closely with the police to discourage pavement cycling in a number of ways:

- we are improving cycle facilities on Islington's roads, making them a safe choice for cyclists
- our cycle training programme teaches that pavement cycling is illegal, dangerous and inconsiderate
- our cycle training officer discourages footpath cycling in presentations to schools

Plastic recycler @

Can you tell me more about recycling plastic? For instance, what do the numbers on the bottom of plastic items mean and can all plastic be recycled?

The numbers indicate plastic resin types, not whether the item can be recycled or not. There are about 50 different groups of plastics, with hundreds of different varieties.

All plastics will be collected for recycling but not every type is suitable for recycling, this is because the plastic reprocessing industry only demands

certain types of plastic.

The best thing to do is minimise the amount of plastic you use, for example using a refillable water bottle or avoiding plastic carrier bags.

Plastics are a small contributor to landfill waste. They are made in part from non-renewable materials but they do not create harmful greenhouse gases when landfilled.

Smelly recycling @

I have been carefully separating out my recyclable rubbish, which I think is a very good idea, though the brown food container does get very smelly. I have heard a rumour that this rubbish doesn't actually get recycled. Can you reassure me that the contents of the green box and the brown box are recycled?

We can assure you that the kitchen waste and green waste collections are taken to a large in-vessel composting facility at Edmonton, which is licensed by the Environment Agency.

To help to keep the container clean you are encouraged to line it with a thin layer of newspaper. We are currently investigating the possibility of making biodegradable bags available for any residents who would want to line their containers with them, but we are seeking approval for this from London Waste Authority.

Your Views...



Do you think we are doing the right things?

Is there anything you think we have done well?

How can we improve our service to you?

What do you want to see in this newsletter?

We want to hear what you have to say. So, if you want to make a comment about any aspect of the services we provide, please

contact us using the information below:

Phone: 020 7527 3416

Email: residents.news@islington.gov.uk

Write to: Helen Bailey, Chief Executive
Islington Council, Town Hall,
Upper Street, N1 2UD

Tell us what you think. After all, if you don't tell us something is wrong we can't do anything about it...

We look forward to your feedback.

We reserve the right to shorten or amend at our discretion.

Three star Islington

Islington Council's services to residents are 'improving well,' and have been awarded three stars by the independent Audit Commission's 2005 Comprehensive Performance Assessment (CPA).

Every year the Audit Commission assesses local councils and awards them a star rating between one and four. This latest success comes after Islington was judged to be the fastest improving council in the country in 2004.

The Audit Commission said that improvements are being made in social housing, education and housing benefits. Access to services has been improved and community-wide improvements, such as reduced crime levels and increased road safety, are well planned for.

The report can be viewed online at www.audit-commission.gov.uk.



School praised

The Bridge School, is basking in the glow of an outstanding Ofsted report.

The report stated that The Bridge pupils 'are cared for extremely well and make outstanding progress in their personal development and that they are given outstanding opportunities to develop their creativity.'

The school specialises in teaching pupils with severe or profound learning difficulties and autistic spectrum disorders.

Culpeper Gardens – a gift to the community

Culpeper Gardens was given a new lease of life as Islington Council put the wheels in motion to secure its long-term future.

The garden, a green oasis in the middle of Islington run by the Culpeper Garden Community Association, is much loved by local people.

After CCAG approached the council with plans to breathe new life into the garden by building a new tool shed, office and community room, the council agreed to look at providing a long-term lease. With their new lease the association can secure money needed to improve and brighten up the garden for future generations.



Heroes in our parks

Islington parks are in the safe hands of park patrol officers Adrian Peachey and Brett Louge.

While on patrol the two officers tackled a suspect who had allegedly shot at a police officer. Their quick thinking and brave actions led to the police arresting a suspect who is due to appear in court in April.

"I was just doing what I was paid to do," said Brett.

Park patrol officers are there to make our parks

safer. They work closely with the police dealing with anything from anti social behaviour to fining irresponsible dog owners who allow their pets to foul in the parks.



If you want to report an incident in the council's parks and green spaces you can talk directly to Brett and Adrian while they are on duty or you can call Contact Islington on 020 7527 2000.



NO VOTE? NO VOICE? NO EXCUSE

-  **Monday 13 March 2006**
Last day to register to vote
-  **Tuesday 18 April 2006**
Last day to apply to vote by post
-  **Tuesday 25 April 2006**
Last day to apply to vote by proxy
-  **Thursday 4 May 2006**
Remember to vote in Council Elections
(open 7am to 10pm)

Register now. It's not too late

For information on how to receive a registration form please telephone Electoral Services on 020 7527 3110 or visit www.islington.gov.uk/voting



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Is it a bird?

School children across Islington had their binoculars at the ready on the look out for birds from crows to mallards as part of Islington's Big Schools Bird Watch.

Over 40 Islington schools were involved in the fortnight long survey. Throughout the fortnight, pupils experienced nature first hand and the council's Nature Conservation and Ranger Team's and RSPB officers helped the children throughout.

The results collected will feed into a UK wide survey, run by Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB). The information will also help the council paint a picture of Islington's bird population.



Did you know? ??

Numbers of some of the UK's most common birds are declining. The number of humble House Sparrows has decreased by nearly 50% in the last 25 years, and the Starling suffering a similar fate.

Gunning to recycle

Yerbury Primary School student, Daisy Holland, scored a goal when she won Islington Council's i-recycle centres poster competition. Daisy was rewarded with two tickets to see Arsenal thrash Middlesborough and a photo with Arsenal player, Lauren.

Daisy's winning poster stated, "I recycle glass jars and bottles, cans, newspaper, cardboard, plastic bottles and paper. This means we can use more things over and over again and not as many things get buried underground."



Safer stronger Islington

Every ward in Islington is now covered by a Safer Neighbourhood Team. If you are concerned about disorder issues or want to get involved call your local team today.

Hillrise

Police Sergeant Graeme Ardle
020 8345 3921

Junction

Police Sergeant Andy Henthorn
020 721 2941

Tollington

Police Sergeant Andy Issitt
020 7421 0559

St George's

Police Sergeant Brian Rushton
020 8345 1511

Finsbury Park

Police Sergeant Chris Walsh
020 7421 0554

Holloway

Police Sergeant Franc Francioni
020 7421 0362

Highbury West

Police Sergeant Claire Messer
020 7421 0635

Caledonian

Police Sergeant Jon Cairns
020 7421 0271

St Mary's

Police Sergeant Mark Thompson
020 7421 0259

Highbury East

Police Sergeant Colin Francis
020 7421 0648

Mildmay

Police Sergeant Graham Cushway
020 8345 1512

Canonbury

Police Sergeant Mark Rutherford
020 7421 0686

Barnsbury

Police Sergeant Steve Lewington
020 7421 0328

St Peter's

Police Sergeant Mike Cowie
020 7421 0328 (temp)

Bunhill and Clerkenwell

Police Sergeant Jon Fairhurst
020 7421 0260



Dirty dogs

They might be cute but they sure can make a mess. The council and environmental charity Groundwork are getting tough with owners that let their dogs poop and then forget to scoop.

Groundwork will work with local schools encouraging owners to pick up after their pets but also discourage bad dog behaviour. They will be targeting dog fouling 'hot spots' and running road shows which will allow dog owners to test their pets' obedience.

Islington park patrol officers will also be stepping up enforcement action - issuing fines to dog owners who do not clean up after their pets.

For more information call Terry Oliver at Groundwork on **020 7239 1280**.

A message in a bottle

A message in a bottle could one day save your life. Vulnerable adults, particularly people who are unwell or elderly, are being encouraged to keep a bottle containing details of their medical history in their fridge.

Gareth Tumelty, a London Ambulance Service Paramedic said: "Message in a Bottle is simple. The bottle is a clearly labelled plastic tube containing information. It includes details like name and age, but also

details of your GP, any illnesses you have, allergies, medication you are on and where you keep your medication." Because everyone has a fridge and to make the information easy to find the bottle is kept in the fridge. A sticker is placed on the front door to let emergency workers know the resident is part of the scheme.



Islington residents who would like a free 'Message in a Bottle' kit can call Age Concern Islington on **020 7281 6018** for their nearest outlet.

Street car desired

Do you need a car occasionally, but don't want the expense of car ownership? Then Streetcar, Islington's car club, is just the thing for you.

Streetcar will take over the management of Islington's 23 on-street car club parking bays from CityCarClub on 1 April 2006.

StreetCar club members don't have to pay a monthly fee, they get 30 free miles each day and the daily charge for weekdays is just £35. Existing members of CityCarClub will get free lifetime membership.



For more information visit www.islington.gov.uk or phone Contact Islington on **020 7527 2000**.

Smokefree Wednesday



A breath of fresh air is coming to Islington on Wednesday 8th March - National Smokefree Day. The Smokefree Islington team will be out in force to give those wanting to quit advice and support.

The Angel Pub, Islington High Street, N1 is hosting a smokefree day with activities such as a quiz, cash prizes, promotions and smokefree information from 7pm.

For information about other smokefree events taking place in March visit www.smokefreeislington.nhs.uk or call **0800 093 9030**.

Did you know?

In London, Islington has the third highest death rate from smoking. If you or a friend or relative would like to stop smoking, contact the Islington stop smoking service for **FREE** advice, support and treatment. Freephone **0800 093 90 30**.

Islington most gay friendly

Gay rights group, Stonewall, has named Islington as the most gay-friendly council in London.

Islington was one of only six local authorities to be named in the top 30 of Stonewall's Workplace Equality Index, which ranked employers according to how well it felt they met the needs of gay staff and customers.

This news comes hot on the heels of the council conducting its first civil partnership ceremonies. Since December over 50 gay couples – some over eighty years old – have registered for partnership ceremonies.

Did you know?

The 2001 census showed that Islington has the highest number of cohabiting same sex couples in the country.



Viktoria Kingsley and Fiona Dunning celebrated their partnership ceremony in December

Clean hands – safe food

Allowing enough time for careful handwashing is vital to prevent the contamination of food, as Islington's food safety officers recently showed more than 400 local school children at the safety-themed Junior Citizen event.



For more information contact the environmental health team on **020 7527 3816**.



Library loyalty

Over one million people have visited Islington libraries since April. So the council has decided to give something back to loyal library users.

Anyone over 18 can pick up a free Loyalty Card from any Islington library. For each music CD, DVD or video that is borrowed, customers will receive a stamp. Once you have collected nine stamps a tenth item can be borrowed free.



For more information contact Tony Brown on 020 7527 6963.



Did you know?



Since April 2005 Islington libraries have issued 561 097 books, 124 856 music items, and 103 625 videos and DVDs. Call 020 7527 2000 to find out where your nearest library is.

Islington Green

Islington Green's makeover will begin in February and will include a new memorial, as an improved tribute to our war heroes.

The new memorial, which has been developed in close association with the Royal British Legion, will feature a wreath-like design carved out of pale granite. The design is symbolic of the acts of remembrance that have taken place each year at Islington Green since 1918.

The memorial will be the centrepiece of improvements to the layout and gardens of the Green enhancing one of Islington's most historic and treasured green spaces in time for summer!



Local resident Harcharn Dhuffer eyes up Fairtrade goods

Fairtrade fair

Do you want to help farmers in the developing world? Visit the Fairtrade Fair on Saturday 11 March at the N1 Shopping Centre as part of Fairtrade Fortnight (6-19 March) and help Islington become a Fairtrade Borough.

Find out what Islington Council is doing to gain Fairtrade Borough status next month.

Are you recycling more than you're throwing away?

"I love the green waste scheme - it saves me a lot of work.

I didn't have anything for the binmen today."

Rita,

Islington resident



Islington has three recycling collection schemes from your doorstep:

- green box / recycling bag
- green garden waste
- kitchen waste

For more information please call 020 7527 2000 or email contact@islington.gov.uk

www.islington.gov.uk/recycling

recycle now



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New year, new home

The council is putting a lot of effort into making sure residents live in good quality, affordable homes in safe communities.

The council and housing

While most aspects of council housing now fall under Homes for Islington, an arms-length management organisation, the council still has a big part to play in all the borough's housing and even private housing. We offer advice to landlords and tenants and work to reduce the waste of empty properties.

We also deal with all aspects of council tax – enquiries into discounts and exemptions, appeals, benefits, complaints and tax credits.

Read on for an at-a-glance guide to all the ways we can help meet your housing needs.

Did you know?

The council is the borough's largest single landlord with 27,000 homes. There is also 43,500 households in privately owned housing and 11,000 housing association homes.

Small is beautiful

If you're rattling around in a property that's too big for you then why not think about downsizing? Islington is leading the way in encouraging people to consider this option, especially when family sized accommodation is in short supply. We can offer a small financial incentive for every bedroom you give up and rest assured we will do everything possible to relocate you in the same area if that's what you want.

After an emotional year, during which both her parents died, 26-year old Kie Skerritt and her older brother found their 4-bedroom house in N1 full of memories and too big for just the two of them to manage.

"Although I'd lived there all my life it became too expensive to maintain. Apart from our own bedrooms and the kitchen we hardly used the rooms so it was a waste of space."

So the pair contacted the council and asked for help in finding a couple of 1-bedroom properties.

Kie is now living in a Victorian house conversion in Highbury, while her brother has moved into a flat in Finsbury EC1.



Brother and sister each received a cash bonus for downsizing, which Kie says will come in very handy when putting the finishing touches to her new home.

For details on downsizing or on a pilot Mutual Exchange scheme the council is running for tenants wishing to move to a smaller home, contact the Under Occupation Officer on **0207 527 5174**.

Help for key workers



Nurse Vicky Thompson meets Arsenal's Ashley Cole

Key workers keep our community going. If you belong to one of the groups below you could get help to buy your first home or to move into a family home. Opportunities are also available to rent homes at affordable prices.

A key worker is someone:

- in a frontline role delivering an essential public service
- in a sector where there are serious recruitment and retention problems.
- employed in the public sector

Senior nurse at the Royal Free Hospital, Vicky Thompson is one of the first tenants of a newly opened housing development in Hornsey Street.

The first such development to come out of the Arsenal Regeneration project, it is a modern, stylishly designed block in the heart of Islington. Newlon Housing Trust, a charitable organisation, runs the development.

"Previously I was living in an apartment in the hospital grounds but it was in quite a poor state and was going to be knocked down. I was a bit apprehensive about the hassle of moving but when I was told about this brand new development, right near Holloway tube I was delighted," explains Vicky.

She says the low cost rent is a lifeline: "There is no way I could afford to rent a flat like this in London on my salary. So key worker schemes like this really play a huge part in improving people's quality of life."

For information on key worker schemes contact **Fiona Kilminster** on **020 7527 4346**

Private sector, pastures new

Moving out of temporary accommodation and into a permanent home can give peace of mind. In Islington we are finding homes for more and more people in the private sector. This can be a great alternative for people who have been bidding for council housing without success. And you can still get help with repairs and renovations.

Edith Navarro Gallardo now has a place she can call home almost ten years after leaving her homeland of Ecuador. Despite being housed in Islington with her young daughter in various properties throughout this period, Edith was eager for a little more stability in her life.

"I had lots of upheaval at times but the council was always there to support me and find solutions. Although I loved living in the borough, when the council found me this privately-owned flat in Wood Green I was more than happy to take it. It feels like a home and my landlady has said she'd love me to stay as long as I want."

To find out about all the incentives, information and advice for tenants and landlords wishing to rent or let in the private sector, contact Dionne Maxwell on **020 7527 6089**.



Heating help

If you're aged 60 or over, you may be entitled to a winter fuel payment from the government of up to £200, or £300 if you are over 80.

Council tenants who receive benefits, are over 60, disabled or have children under the age of 16, might also be entitled to a council grant towards the cost of heating and insulation.

Call **020 7527 2000** for details.



Little changes, big difference

If you have a disability or special needs, you can get help to live a more independent life - and it needn't cost a penny.

Help is available to improve access around your home, adapt basic facilities such as kitchens, bathrooms, lighting and heating, as well as improving safety.



Whether you are a council tenant, live in your own home, or in a housing association property, the council's occupational therapists can assess your needs to see if you qualify for a home adaptation. Adaptations can range from grab rails, the loan of special equipment, to stair lifts and major bathroom redesign.

If you live in council property, the cost of any adaptations required will be met by the council, if you are a home owner, you could be eligible for a grant of up to £25,000 from the government to pay for the changes necessary.

Islington resident Mrs Billings has recently had a stair lift installed in her property to help her move about her home. She commented, "I don't know how I managed before. It was a struggle getting up and down the stairs to my bedroom and bathroom - the stair lift has made my life a lot easier."



For information contact the occupational therapy team on **020 7527 5200**.

Did you know? ??

Properties that are three storeys or more and are let out as bedsits, hostels or as a shared house to five or more people, must be licensed before April 2006.

This is to make sure the property has basic facilities, enough space for the number sharing and meets health and safety laws.

This only applies to properties not managed by the council or a housing association.

Tenants and landlords wanting more information or advice can ring **020 7527 3083**.

No excuses for being late at St Jude and St Paul's

For some children at St Jude & St Paul's CE Primary School, it couldn't be easier to get to school since they only live upstairs.

It is probably the only example in the UK where the school is on the ground floor below a three-storey block of affordable homes. So original is the design of the Kingsbury Road School that it won the 'Innovation of the Year' building prize.

Until Autumn 2004, the school was split between two sites on either side of a busy road and OfSTED had classed their accommodation as 'poor' during a previous inspection.

The junior school was situated next to a disused factory which architects Pollard Thomas Edwards (PTEa) were in the process of buying when they heard of the school's predicament. PTEa then entered into discussions with Islington Council, the DfES and the London Diocesan Board and decided to combine the sites to provide both affordable housing and a much-needed bigger and better school site.

Marjorie Wood, Headteacher, St Jude & St Paul's said: 'We are delighted with the building which I believe will provide excellent opportunities for children in the area for many years to come.'



King's Cross schools win praise

Schools within the King's Cross Education Zone have been singled out for the innovative use of Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) in their schools – all winning a Leading Aspect Award in the Creative Use of New Technologies

Each school has a video library, multi-media software, electronic whiteboards, all supported by training and technical backup. The independent assessor from the Leading Aspect Awards was overwhelmed by the innovative use of ICT in the schools and the positive effect that technology was having on the curriculum.

King's Cross schools also showcased the UK's first virtual opera, Carmen@King's Cross, in which the students contributed by rehearsing and performing scenes from Carmen. This footage was linked live to real Opera singers who were performing on stage simultaneously. The event was streamed live on the Internet.



Khalid Muse (left) and Muniba Karshe (right), year three students from Vittoria School work on the classrooms electronic noticeboard.

Did you know?

If someone else is looking after your child, or if you are looking after someone else's child, full-time for 28 days or more, you could be making a 'private fostering' arrangement.

If you are involved in a 'private fostering' arrangement, the law says you must tell the council.

Private foster carers may receive advice and support. You could be missing out.

Don't risk their safety – telling us helps keep children safe.

Children's Services

For more information or to discuss your situation with a social worker, contact us at:

The Assessment Service
292 Essex Road, London N1 3AZ, tel: 020 7527 7400



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The new look A1 – safer, cleaner, greener

A new year has begun and improving life on and around the A1 is still a top council priority. In up coming months we have festivals open to all, improvements to Archway taking shape and our environmental school kids will be spreading the green word internationally.



Facelift for Archway

Archway is getting a £320,000 face-lift this spring with loads of improvements set to transform the area.

Footways will be repaved and railings, bollards and other street furniture currently cluttering the area outside Archway tube station will be removed to create a much cleaner and more welcoming environment for pedestrians.

The triangle green patch at the top end of Holloway Road is to be spruced up, including putting in extra lighting to make the area safer. Plus 100 new trees will be planted in the area including along Junction Road.

Three new pedestrian way-finding boards will also be put up alongside five new street trader kiosks. Whittington's cat will be cleaned, new swings will be added to Archway Park and more planting will be carried out in the green spaces in the Archway area such as Archway corner and Giesbach Road. All work will be completed before summer 2006.

Health warning – don't buy counterfeit cigarettes

As part of our work to improve life for everyone along the A1 the council is determined to stop the selling of illegal fake cigarettes at the Nag's Head on Holloway Road.

Local residents, businesses and visitors to the area complain about being badgered by the sellers of cheap dodgy cigarettes who flood that area.

Do you know that:

- the cheap cigarettes being sold at the Nag's Head are fake?
- they look like the famous brand but really they're manufactured illicitly and contain higher levels of poisons than legal cigarettes?



- they're smuggled into this country by criminal gangs to be sold cheaply at places like the Nag's Head?

The message is simple, protect yourself – **don't buy them.**

Lights! Lanterns! Action!



Come out and celebrate the regeneration of the road running through the centre of the borough at the A1 Festival of Light.

Over 300 young people will take to the street

and create a luminous procession of lanterns designed to reflect the past, present and future of the A1.

The Path of Light will parade from Holloway Road station down the A1 to Highbury Fields to transform it into a Garden of Light where an exciting mix of free activities await adults and children alike. Top London bands will be playing, skaters can try out the ice rink open for the day and everyone can have a go on the lucky dip with prizes donated by local organisations and businesses.

Saturday 25th March 2006

Garden of Light celebration: 5:00pm-9:00pm
Path of Light procession: 6pm (from Holloway Road Station to Highbury Fields, via the A1 and Fieldway Crescent).

A1 students say hello to Oslo

Students from two primary schools along the A1 will be visiting Norway on a fact-finding mission to check out how Norwegian schools deal with environmental issues.

The Norwegian students will pay a return visit to St Joseph's Primary School in March to learn about Islington's approach.

The visit is part of the A1 Schools Environmental Project to give students the opportunity to share ideas about positive environmental and social initiatives taking place in other countries.



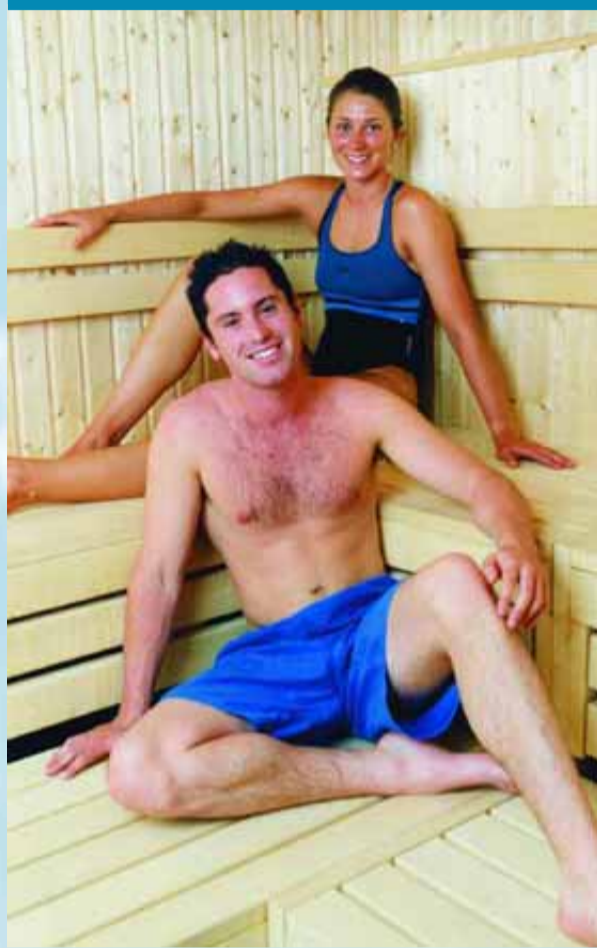
For more information please contact Imogen Purchas on **020 7527 2324.**

Aquaterra

Aquaterra is a charity working in partnership with Islington Council in the management of leisure facilities.



Visit the website www.aquaterra.org or call **020 7253 5365** for more information.



Hot and steamy

Tired muscles will be benefiting from £100,000 upgrade of the sauna and steam facilities at Archway Leisure Centre and Cally Pool.

Archway Leisure Centre has had a complete make over including a new and roomier sauna cabin, new shower and washroom areas and new flooring. Cally Pool is now sparkling with new tiles on the floor and shower walls.

What better incentive for having a workout – than a steamy relaxation session as a reward.



For more information contact Archway Leisure Centre **020 7272 6009** or Cally Pool on **020 7278 1890**.

Londonwide fitness

The London Fitness Network membership, is a reciprocal agreement between 70 London leisure centres.

Costing just £2.95 per month top up on a Platinum Card, the membership includes

access to Leisure Centres such as the brand new Mile End Park Leisure Centre and the Janet Adegoke Swimming Pool in Hammersmith. For more information, speak to a membership advisor at your local leisure centre.

Swimathon at Cally

Cally Pool is the place to be if you want to take part in the 20th anniversary of Swimathon – the nations BIG swim.

Swimathon is a national event in support of NCH, the children's charity. The BIG swim



takes place on Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th March, allowing plenty of time for training. Swimmers can choose to swim 1,500m, 2,500m or 5,000m and can either enter as an individual or a team.

Lee Turford, general manager of Cally Pool says, "This year we want our Swimathon to be a huge success, particularly as the money is going to charity. So take the plunge and enter the Swimathon, and help Cally pool become one of this years top fundraisers."

Applications are available at any Islington pool. For more information contact Cally Pool on **020 7278 1890**.

£10 Trainers!

Thought that only the rich and famous can afford a personal trainer? Well think again! All Islington fitness centres have specialised trainers ready to help you achieve your goals faster. Purple Trainers can offer introductory one hour training sessions for only £10.

All trainers are qualified and follow the American College of Sports Medicine guidelines. This means Purple Trainers won't stand by with a clipboard watching you do all the work, instead they will provide you with a specifically designed exercise routine.

Marc Jones, Health & Fitness manager says, "For a personalised exercise programme, the highest level of advice at an affordable price, look no further than Purple Trainers. We offer a variety of value-for-money, flexible payment options and group discounts."

For further information, please contact Marc Jones on **020 7689 9819** or e-mail personaltrainers@aquaterra.org.



Call your nearest centre today

Highbury Pool	020 7690 0413
Sobell Leisure Centre	020 7686 2363
Ironmonger Row Baths	020 7253 4011
Islington Tennis Centre	020 7700 1370
Cally Pool	020 7278 1890
Archway Leisure Centre	020 7272 6009

Surf's up... islington.gov.uk gets interactive

Available 24/7, Islington's website provides a host of information about the borough, services provided by the council, plus for the busy individual the ability to pay bills, ask questions and even swap old goods for new! Here's a taste of new features available on the council's website - www.islington.gov.uk.

Planning online

Putting an extension on your house? Want to find out what that new development is down the road?

Now you can, from the comfort of your own home. Islington has gone 'live' with its online planning service allowing residents to submit an application online, track an applications' progress, search current planning applications

and past decisions dating as far back as 1982.

Planning Online is searchable by address, postcode or application number. The Online Planning service is available by clicking on the 'Do It' option on the homepage or at www.islington.gov.uk/Environment/Planning/Online/.

Do - it

It is now easier than ever to apply for council services using our online forms. From reporting abandoned vehicles, to requesting a copy of a birth certificate, to applying and paying for parking vouchers - you can find it all under the Do It section of the site - available on the top right hand corner of the home page or at www.islington.gov.uk/Doit.

GIS

Did you know that Islington has an award winning interactive map facility on its website? Click on the Interactive Islington Maps link on the home page to find out everything from where the nearest chemist is located to where the closest parking bays are, to what roads are scheduled to have works done on them. You can even pinpoint the position of cinemas, theatres and your closest recycling bank.

Listen up!

Designed especially for young people in Islington this section looks at topical issues for young people including bullying, sexuality and getting their voice heard. Young people involved with the council's Listen Up Project were instrumental in the design and setting of topic areas meaning this section has already got the quality assurance stamp from young people. To check it out go to www.young.islington.gov.uk.



Swap it

www.islington.gov/swapexchange is an online one-stop swap shop. From fridges to pushchairs if you no longer have use for an item log it in the swapXchange rather than dumping it - after all they say one person's junk is another's treasure.

Tell us

The council's webteam loves to hear feedback on the website. If you have any comments or suggestions about the website email webteam@islington.gov.uk.

Handy contacts in this issue

For anything you want to know about Islington Council, first call Contact Islington on **020 7527 2000** or email contact@islington.gov.uk. This telephone and face to face customer service centre is on the ground floor of 222 Upper Street, N1.

The **020 7527 2000** service is open for business longer than usual so residents can deal with the council on the way to, or from, home and work.

The telephone contact centre is open Monday to Friday from 8am to 6pm and the service centre is open from 8.30am to 6pm Monday to Friday. Contact Islington will be open one Saturday a month from 9am to 1pm. A resource room also offers internet access to all public services, a quiet area for form-filling and space for checking planning applications.

A1 audio tour
020 7527 8989

Accessible transport service
020 7974 2420/2039

Adoption services
020 7527 4400
adoption@islington.gov.uk

Archway Leisure Centre
020 7272 6009

Aquaterra
020 7523 5365
www.aquaterra.org

Building schools for the future
020 7527 5954
education@islington.gov.uk

Cally Pool
020 7278 1890

Contact Islington
020 7527 2000
contact@islington.gov.uk

Consumer Direct
08454 04 05 06
www.consumerdirect.gov.uk

Electoral services
020 7527 3110

Energy efficiency advice
0800 512 012

Groundwork
020 7239 1280

Highbury Pool
020 7690 0413

Ironmonger Row baths
020 7253 4011

Islington Tennis Centre
020 7700 1370

Occupational Therapy team
020 7527 5200

Recycling information
020 7527 2000
www.islington.gov.uk/recycling

Sobell Leisure Centre
020 7686 2363

Swapxchange
www.islington.gov.uk/swapxchange

Workplace stop smoking
020 7527 1230

Public notices



Road Closures

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

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

confirmed road closures

Road:	Effect:	Diversion Route:	Dates:
Bath Street Crane operations	(a) prohibit vehicular traffic on Bath Street at its junction with Lever Street; (b) suspend the point of "No Entry" at the junction of Bath Street and City Road; (c) suspend the one way traffic working in Bath Street between City Road and Lever Street; (d) suspend the one way traffic working in Bath Street between Lever Street and Radnor Street; and (e) suspend the one way traffic working in Lever Street between Bath Street and Ironmonger Row	(a) northbound traffic on Bath Street via Radnor Street, Ironmonger Row, Lever Street, Central Street and City Road; and (b) eastbound traffic on Lever Street via Ironmonger Row, Dingley Road and City Road	start on 4 February 2006 until 5 February 2006; and on 11 February 2006 until 12 February 2006; and on 18 February 2006 finishing on 19 February 2006
Blessed Sacrament and Copenhagen Primary Schools Traffic calming measures	prohibit vehicular traffic on Bemerton Street, Copenhagen Street, Havelock Street and York Way. Access to premises on all roads will be maintained. This is a rolling closure and only certain roads will be closed at any one time.	(a) Copenhagen Street via York Way, Wharfdale Road and Caledonian Road; (b) Havelock Street via Copenhagen Street, Bemerton Street and Bingham Street; (c) Bemerton Street via Copenhagen Street, Havelock Street and Bingham Street;	start on 2 February 2006 and finish on 31 March 2006
Clerkenwell Close Crane operations	prohibit vehicular traffic outside No. 34 Clerkenwell Close	(a) northbound via Clerkenwell Green, Sekforde Street, St. John Street, Skinner Street and Corporation Row; and (b) southbound via Bowling Green Lane, Farringdon Road, Farringdon Lane, Clerkenwell Green and Clerkenwell Close	start on 11 February 2006 until 12 February 2006; and on 18 February 2006 until 19 February 2006; and 25 February 2006 finishing on 26 February 2006
Compton Street New Water Supplies	(a) prohibit vehicular traffic on Compton Street outside Nos. 54 and 56 Compton Street; (b) suspend the point of "No Entry" on Compton Street at its junction with Goswell Road; and (c) suspend one way working between Goswell Road and closure point	(a) westbound traffic should proceed via Agdon Street, Percival Street and Goswell Road; and (b) southbound traffic from Cyrus Street should proceed via Percival Street, St. John Street and Compton Street.	start on 11 February 2006 and finish on 26 February 2006
E Zone Controlled Parking Zone Review Road marking works	prohibit vehicular traffic within the areas bounded by Barnsbury Street, Richmond Grove, Braes Street, Canonbury Road, New North Road, Arlington Avenue, Arlington Square, Packington Square, St. Paul Street, Rheidol Terrace, Chantry Street, Cruden Street, Packington Street, Essex Road, Islington Green, Upper Street, Berners Road, Parkfield Street, Bromfield Street, Liverpool Road, Cloudesley Place, Copenhagen Street, Caledonian Road, Offord Road and Liverpool Road. This is a rolling closure and not all streets will be closed at the same time	via local signage	start on 3 February 2006 and finish on 2 May 2006
Tollington West Controlled Parking Zone Review Road marking works	prohibit vehicular traffic on Alexander Road, Bavaria Road, Cornwallis Road, Davenant Road, Fortnam Road, Hatchard Road, Hornsey Road (part), Kingsdown Road, Kiver Road, Landseer Road, Marlborough Road, Mitford Road, Rickthorne Road, Stanley Terrace, Sussex Way (part) and Whewell Road. This is a rolling closure and not all streets will be closed at the same time	via local signage	start on 6 February 2006 and finish on 5 August 2006

You can get more information about these proposed and made Orders from:

■ Street Management
The Municipal Offices
222 Upper Street
London N1 1YA

■ or by phoning our
Street Management
Division on extension
020 7527 8009

■ Dated 20 February 2006



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Bram Kainth, Assistant Director for Street Management





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proposed road closures

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Benjamin Street New water supplies	prohibit vehicular traffic between its junction with Faulkner's Alley and Turnmill Street	via Britton Street, Clerkenwell Road and Turnmill Street	start on 18 February 2006 until 19 February 2006; and on 25 February 2006 until 26 February 2006; and on 4 March 2006 finishing on 5 March 2006
Cathcart Hill and Monnery Road Resurfacing works	(a) prohibit vehicular traffic on Cathcart Hill at its junction with Junction Road; and (b) prohibit vehicular traffic on Monnery Road at its junction with Junction Road	(a) Monnery Road via Pemberton Gardens and Junction Road; and (b) Cathcart Hill via Dartmouth Park Hill, Wyndam Crescent and Junction Road	start on 18 February 2006 and finish on 27 February 2006
Dufferin Street Crane operations	prohibit vehicular traffic between its junction with Whitecross Street and the north-eastern boundary wall of No. 3 Dufferin Street	(a) eastbound via Whitecross Street, Errol Street, Lamb's Buildings, Lamb's Passage, Chiswell Street and Bunhill Row; and (b) westbound via Bunhill Row, Banner Street, Golden Lane and Fortune Street	start on 18 February 2006 until 19 February 2006; and on 25 February 2006 until 26 February 2006; and on 4 March 2006 finishing on 5 March 2006
Fred White Walk Resurfacing works	(a) prohibit vehicular traffic on Fred White Walk between the north-western kerb-line of Market Road and a point opposite the north-western boundary wall of No. 36 Market Road; and (b) prohibit pedestrian access on Fred White Walk	via local signage	start on 20 February 2006 and finishing on 20 August 2006
Offord Road Entry treatment works	prohibit vehicular traffic between its junction with Caledonian Road and the common boundary of Nos. 6 and 8 Offord Road	(a) eastbound via Caledonian Road, Wheelright Street and Roman Way, or via Caledonian Road, Copenhagen Street and Hemingford Road; and (b) westbound via Roman Way, Wheelright Street and Caledonian Road	start on 20 February 2006 and finishing on 10 March 2006
Pemberton Gardens Resurfacing works	prohibit vehicular traffic at its junction with Junction Road	via Pemberton Terrace, Monnery Road and Junction Road	start on 25 February 2006 and finish on 7 March 2006
St. Peter's Street Water supply repairs	prohibit vehicular traffic on outside No. 4 St. Peter's Street	(a) northbound via Cruden Street, Packington Street and Essex Road; and (b) southbound via Colebrooke Row, Gerrard Road and Devonia Road	start on 20 February 2006 and finishing on 22 February 2006

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HEALTH WARNING



**BUYING
COUNTERFEIT
CIGARETTES CAN
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OTHER PEOPLE'S LIVES**

It's illegal and funds organised crime