

# TAKEnote

## Walworth Community Council



Monday October 2 2006 at 7pm

Aylesbury Day Centre, Bradenham Close Walworth SE17

Issue no. 9

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### Issues at this meeting

- Changes at Newington Library
- Multi-Faith Forum
- Cleaner Greener Safer
- East Street market issues
- Elephant & Castle Development Update
- Walworth School

## Southwark Multi-Faith Forum

Trevor Udennis of the Southwark Multi-Faith Forum said that approximately 80% of Southwark residents belonged to a faith. The Forum runs courses for faith groups, helping with projects, funding and monitoring. The Forum's Annual General Meeting will be held on 14 November 2006 at the Hilton Hotel Rotherhithe.

For further information about the Southwark Multi-Faith Forum, visit [www.smff.org.uk](http://www.smff.org.uk) for details of the Forum and its work.

**If you wish to know more, or attend the AGM please contact Trevor Udennis on Tel: 020 7525 5444 or email [trevor.udennis@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:trevor.udennis@southwark.gov.uk).**



## Changes to Newington Library

In response to a deputation opposing the proposed changes to Newington Library reference section and study areas, Adrian Whittle, Head of Culture, Libraries and Learning, said that change was necessary to make the services offered by the library compliant with the Disability Discrimination Act. There is already a legal challenge under the Disability Discrimination Act to the Cumin Museum. Unused space in the Newington library would be used to house the reference library and provide the same number of study spaces as before. The installation of a lift would be very expensive, and impractical in a listed building.

Residents expressed concern that insufficient consultation had taken place, that experienced library staff would be lost, plans needed to be made easily available to residents, and that an equality impact assessment had not been done. Adrian Whittle confirmed that further consultation would take place, in the form of guided tours of the unused space and a display of the plans for the changes. A mailshot will be sent out to residents' groups and associations, asking for responses to the proposed changes.

All the 6,000 books and reference materials currently provided would continue to be available, together with access to online data, which the library subscribes to.

Councillor Zuleta, the Executive Member for Culture, Leisure and Sport attended the community council meeting and said: 'It is important to get this right. The report on the changes will not go forward until the results of the tour, feedback and survey are known.'

The results of the survey and further consultation will come back to a future meeting of the community Council.



Walworth

## £387, 000 for small environmental improvements for Walworth!

The Cleaner Greener Safer scheme will have £387,000 to fund projects making Walworth a safer and more attractive place: 59 bids were received from Walworth residents. A further update will be given at the November meeting, and final decisions on the successful projects at the next meeting.

**For further information, please contact Charlotte Glazier on 020 7525 0859**



## All change for Walworth School

The Governors and Headteacher of Walworth School feel that becoming an Academy will accelerate the improvements to the education offered by the School.

Academies are public funded, but independently governed schools, providing a free education to pupils on a non-selective basis. The government funds new buildings, furniture, equipment and computers. The sponsor provides long term funding to generate resources for innovative projects to benefit the Academy.

The new Walworth Academy will be sub-divided into 'small schools', so that all the teachers in the 'small school' know every child. The new and refurbished buildings will provide exclusive teaching space and social space for each 'small school'. This will ensure any behavioural problems etc can be dealt with swiftly, and students can be stretched and challenged appropriately.

**For further information, please contact 020 7227 9868**

## East Street Market

Stephen Douglas from the Market Team said that the cleaning and refuse collection in the market was now being reviewed to ensure it met the required standards. The Street Trading Team was now issuing Fixed Penalty notices to those who litter and trying to educate people into better ways of disposing of litter. Investments are being made in lavatories in East Street and proper pitch markings. A bid has been made to the Capital Programme for resurfacing the street. A consultative forum is starting for representatives of market traders throughout the borough.



Residents raised a number of issues, including the lack of lavatories in the market area, causing a local housing estate to be used as a urinal, smells from shops, lack of seating, litter and traders' stalls expanding. Mr Wallington OBE said that the traders themselves contribute to the cost of cleaning up after the market.

The East Street market will be discussed again at the meeting after next.

**For further information please contact Stephen Douglass 020 7525 1579**

## Heygate Estate residents on the move

Residents of the Heygate estate are taking up tenancies in Housing Association properties in Wansey Street, Tabard Square and the Steven Street scheme. 16 Heygate households have moved into Wansey Street.

These properties are built to high standards of design and space, indeed at Parker-Morris standards, which are now higher than the standard required for social housing.

The Ecopod, which will be an information pavilion sited outside the Elephant and Castle Leisure Centre, will be open for business by early November 2006.

**For further information please contact John Cundell of the Heygate Regeneration Team on 020 7525 2620**

**Your next meeting is at 7pm on Monday November 13 2006, Pasley TA Hall, Stoipford Road SE17**

**Everyone welcome!**

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