

Neighbourhood News

from the Bell Tower Community Association

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READY TO PARTY?

  **COME TO**  

NEWPORT ROAD

Saturday 2 June 1.00pm onwards

We've teamed up with the residents of Newport Road to bring you an even bigger and better street party for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee!

This is both a collaborative and a competitive event. Come and show off your baking prowess, with the

swap stall. Just bring along those old books you haven't read for ages and we'll try to find them a new home!

Would you like to sell anything - cakes, jewellery, crafts, bric-a-brac? There will be the opportunity to set up your own stall - just ask us on the



chance to win a meal for two at the Moderation - who will also be bringing their barbecue, with their great range of oriental food.

We're holding a competition for children under 10 too - just make your own crown and bring it along! The best crown will win a prize.

To work off the excess cake you can join in our games - egg and spoon race, three legged race, whatever you'd like to try!

There will be a quiz to test your general knowledge, and if you need to swot up for the quiz there's a book

day or send us an email in advance for more details at info@bell-tower.org.uk.

We're going to need lots of help. Some residents have kindly volunteered already, but we need more, from all over the area! Can you provide any entertainment? Would you like to help in any other way (such as helping with children's entertainment or setting up)?

If you can help please contact David on 07890 118167, email david@bell-tower.org.uk. In the event of bad weather we can still hold a smaller party at the New Hope Centre.

WHAT'S ON IN NEWPORT ROAD

Barbecue food from the Moderation on sale - traditional and oriental

Bring your own food and drink if you prefer!

Cake baking competition

Children's entertainment, including face painting and crown making competition

Music

Book swap

Games & quiz

COME AND MEET YOUR NEIGHBOURS

ALL WELCOME!

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Latest from the tracks

After all the digging, piledriving and grinding on the railway embankment behind Cardiff Road, attention is now being focused on building the new station and train depot. Some work is continuing on the embankment, but this will gradually move towards the far side in preparation for the new main line layout.

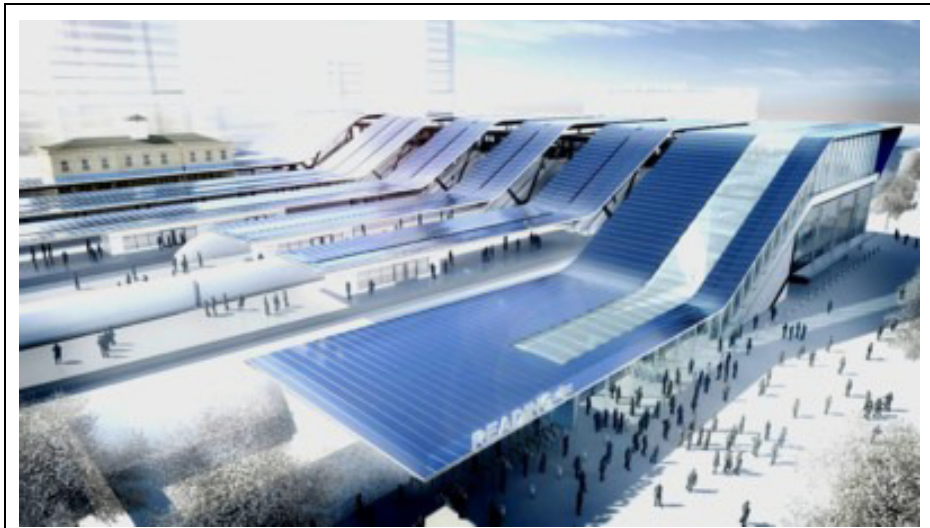
From Vastern Road the outline of the new station is just starting to appear, with a vast steel tower emerging where the new footbridge will cross. On the other side, work is progressing to lower the surface level of Station Hill and reinstate the

pedestrian underpass below the station.

More detailed plans of the new viaduct over the existing tracks at Cow Lane have now been exhibited. The viaduct will be at the southern side of the embankment starting halfway along Cardiff Road, roughly behind the Deaf Centre. The viaduct will be more obvious from the streets around the cattle market than from our area, since it is on the far side of the existing lines. It will be about a mile long, ending near Scours Lane, and its main purpose will be to allow trains on the main east-west line to cross the north-south tracks without having to stop. The north-south tracks are mostly used for carrying freight to and from the south coast, and passenger trains are frequently held up at this junction.

The new train depot buildings are now going up on the west side of Cow Lane. These need to be finished before the new viaduct can be built since the viaduct will use the land occupied by the existing depot. In turn, the new viaduct will have to be in place before the small Cow Lane bridge can be removed.

The new station and train depot are due to be finished next year, with the viaduct and new Cow Lane bridge following in 2014-15.



OUR NEW WAY IN: The north entrance of the upgraded Reading station (courtesy of Network Rail)

News in brief

- After the recent AGM the Bell Tower committee is now:
David Neale (Chairman)
Barbara Kendall (Vice-Chairman)
Rod Plinston (Secretary)
Sandie Gill (Treasurer)
Jonathan Dart (Membership)
Rose Brannigan (Minuting Secretary)
Denise Sanders
We're always looking for more volunteers - if you'd like to join us please feel free to email us or contact David at 24 Addison Road, phone 07890 118167.

- We are pleased to be getting a regular manual street cleaning service, which will hopefully be giving a noticeable improvement to our environment. If you see Owen, our street cleaner, and are happy with the service he's providing why not let him know - it's a service we don't want to lose!

Fanny's
ANTIQUES

A wide range of Antiques, curios and collectables at very reasonable prices.

Why not come and see for yourself!

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SUNDAY
12.00 - 4.00

JOIN US NOW

for only £1 per person per year. Don't forget members can claim some great discounts from local businesses!

You can join by contacting Jonathan Dart at 68 Addison Road.

20 ZONE

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