

Neighbourhood News

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THE PARTY'S ON AGAIN!

NEWPORT ROAD

Saturday 1 June 1.00pm

Newport Road will again host a street party for this year's Big Lunch, from 1.00pm to about 4.30pm on Saturday 1 June. The Moderation will be back with its barbecue, or you can bring your own food.

As this is the Big Lunch, the theme will be big too. Kids, big up your bike in the 'Pimp My Ride' competition open to children under 12. The cake competition proved popular last year so there will be two competitions, one for the under 12s for the most startlingly decorated cupcake - bring one pre-prepared or decorate one at the party. For the those aged 12 to 100 there will be a similar competition for the most 'pimped' cake. Let your imagination and decorative skills run wild! Prizes for the winners in both age groups. If you prefer to express your inner artist on paper you might like to try the 'Me and My Pet' photo competition open to all ages - just bring a photo of you with your dog, cat, hamster, budgie...

As part of our Olympic legacy we will be repeating the egg and spoon race and throwing in a skipping race. For the more cerebral there will be a 'big' themed quiz, and the kids can relax fishing for plastic ducks or having their faces painted.

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 day or send us an email in advance 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? We also particularly need help with the Bell Tower table and setting up. If you can help please contact David on 07890 118167 or by email at david@bell-tower.org.uk.

In the event of bad weather we can still hold a smaller party at the New Hope Centre.

JOIN OUR BIG PARTY!

Barbecue food from the Moderation on sale - traditional and oriental
Bring your own food and drink if you prefer!
'Me and my pet' photo competition
Cake baking competition - this year it's the best decorated cake so get those fancy decorations out!
Children's cup cake decorating contest (cakes and materials provided)
'Pimp my ride' competition for kids - bring your bike and style it up!
Children's entertainment, including crafts, games and face painting
Music
Games
Quiz

**SATURDAY 1 JUNE
1.00PM
NEWPORT ROAD**

ALL WELCOME!



Get gardening and win up to £100!



Have you entered our gardening competition yet? There's still time, but don't forget the closing date is Monday 24 June.

Smarten up your front garden, choose which of the four categories you'd like to enter (front garden, planters, hanging baskets, children's garden for under 16s) and rush your entry form to 77 Addison Road. The first 10 entries in each category will also get a £5 voucher for bedding plants from Ashley Blooms in Caversham.

If you haven't received an entry form, you can pick one up from Barbara at 77 Addison Road or from our stall at the street party on Saturday 1 June in Newport Road.

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

News in brief

- We are sorry to hear of the recent death of our area's oldest resident, Harold Baverstock of Cardiff Road, at the age of 98.

Harold was a well-loved local character, who was still out walking his dog Layla every day right up until the end of last year. He also contributed an enjoyable memoir of his long life to the December 2008 edition of *Neighbourhood News*.

It is still possible to read Harold's memories - all back issues of *Neighbourhood News* are available to download on our news page at www.bell-tower.org.uk/news.htm.

We fondly remember Harold and Newport Road resident Arthur South, who also sadly died this year, having a lively discussion at last year's street party about who was older.

Our condolences go to both Harold's and Arthur's families.

- We welcome Rev Joy Atkins as the new Associate Vicar for New Hope. Joy will be joining the church at the end of July and settling in to her new home and responsibilities during August.

- 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)

plus Justine McMinn (E P Collier School) and Jackie Fountain (New Hope).

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.

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