

**THE BIG STREET PARTY FOR ALL AGES!**

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**Bell Tower Community Association Holds Central Reading's Biggest Street Party**

The Bell Tower Community Association together with the residents of Newport Road held central Reading's largest street party for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee on Saturday 2nd June.

Over 200 locals from all over the Caversham Road area brought food and drink to share with their neighbours. Another neighbour, the Moderation pub in Caversham Road, offered a barbecue serving the pub's signature oriental dishes as well as traditional fare and did a brisk trade, serving over 150 dishes during the afternoon. Also adding spice to the party was the local Standard Tandoori restaurant which donated three platters of food.

The party attracted revellers of all ages, from young children to the area's oldest resident, who recently celebrated his 97th birthday and entered two cakes for the cake-making competition.

For the children there were craft tables, face-painting and a crown making competition. But it was not all about dexterity, as residents also had a chance to show their knowledge in a fun Jubilee quiz. The afternoon ended with a mini-Olympics, including the traditional egg-and-spoon race with heats for children and adults.

Bell Tower chairman and street party organiser David Neale said: "The party far exceeded our best expectations. We were hoping for a turnout of at least 50, and were absolutely delighted with the attendance. So many neighbours had the chance to meet each other, often for the first time. Our thanks go to the Moderation pub and the residents of Newport Road for helping with the organisation of the party and supporting us so enthusiastically on the day."

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## About the Bell Tower Community Association

- The Association was founded in October 2005.
- It represents 600 homes and businesses in the area bounded by Caversham Road, Northfield Road, Barry Place, the residential end of Cardiff Road, Addison Road, Denbeigh Place and Randolph Road.
- It represents the local community, organises events, publishes a quarterly newsletter and operates a members' discount scheme with local businesses.
- It won a Pride of Reading Award in 2007 in the Environmental Projects category for its graffiti clean-up campaign and won third place in the 2010 Reading area of the South East Community Empowerment Awards.
- The neighbourhood has no historic name so the association took on the name of a local landmark, the bell tower on E P Collier Primary School in Swansea Road.

The tower can be seen from all over the area.

Further information on the Bell Tower Community Association can be found at [www.bell-tower.org.uk](http://www.bell-tower.org.uk)

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