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Bell Tower Community Association 's big street party pulls big crowd

The Bell Tower Community Association's street party in Newport Road on Saturday 1 June was an opportunity for around 150 locals from all over the Caversham Road area to take advantage of the sun and bring food and drink to share with their neighbours.

The event was held as part of the Eden Project's national Big Lunch.

The Moderation pub in Caversham Road generously offered a free barbecue, serving over 100 portions during the afternoon.

There were plenty of fun events for all. For children, there was a wide range of activities, from hooking ducks to decorating cup cakes. For everyone there was a 'Me and My Pet' photo competition, with plenty of fun and cute photos of cats, rabbits and guinea pigs entered.

Bell Tower Chairman and street party organiser David Neale said: "After our spectacularly successful Jubilee street party last year we just had to do it again. The weather was perfect, and we were delighted with the attendance. Our thanks go to the Moderation and the residents of Newport Road for helping with the organisation of the party and supporting us so enthusiastically. If possible we'd love to make this an annual event."

Picture story on the Bell Tower web site: http://www.bell-tower.org.uk/street_party2.htm

Facebook photo album: www.facebook.com/belltowercommunity/photos_stream

High resolution photos are available on request.

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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

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