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3rd Edition

# The Islander



Enfield Island Village Trust

EIVT

Welcome to the 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of The Islander. We are fast approaching the end of a very busy 2011. Keep on reading to see our past achievements and exciting forthcoming activities!

## New community team

Martine Eni and Arezu Bari started work in October as our new community team, based in the community centre. I am sure we will all make them very welcome. They have come to join us because residents have often said that what we need is a social community, where we can meet and get to know other local people, instead of just a physical community.

Examples might be practical things, such as looking for work or improving literacy, active pursuits such as new jogging, walking or cycling groups, or networks for single parents or older residents to become more active, get to know and support each other.

We have always had a community centre and we are lucky to have the Enfield Island Village Green but these facilities have not been actively managed. Now that the Enfield Island Village Trust is a registered charity, we can create some opportunities to use these facilities and make the Island more of a cohesive community and not only a physical place to live.

The Trust has been successful in bidding for a grant from Enfield Council to kick off a programme of community activities over the coming year. We will have to work hard to find grant funding to continue the programme. Martine and Arezu can do a lot, but we need to help ourselves improve our own community. If you have some ideas or even want to help, don't hesitate to get in touch with them.

Tony Thake, Chairman  
Enfield Island Village Trust

## Introducing the EIVT Community Team...

*Martine is working on the Island on the development of the community activities and of the management of the community centre. You can come to meet Martine and the community team in the open coffee mornings every Monday from 9.30-11am at the community centre. Martine would love to hear your input on the community development project. She is also very active in her volunteering work.*

*Arezu is a resident of the village for three years. Her family are very proactive in social activities on the island. She appreciates that there is a need to develop community spirit and collective initiative to build balanced living environment on Island village. She is assisting Martine in making Village a social hub in Enfield. Arezu has a keen interest in Geography and research in Community Social Science.*

You can reach our community team on:

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To give us your feedback email [news@eiv.org.uk](mailto:news@eiv.org.uk)

This newsletter does not necessarily represent the views of the EIVT.

## **Forthcoming Events / Clubs organised by the Community Team.**

Enfield Island Village Trust is launching a range of new events and clubs, and we want YOU to get involved. If you're interested in coming along to any of the below then GET IN TOUCH, and if you have any ideas yourself then let us know. Please note these will only be organised if you show interest

### **Island Brains**

Do you want to boost your child's education? Would your children benefit from a structured environment to do their Maths (Numeracy) and English (Literacy) homework? Or would they benefit from the offer of supplementary tutoring in any subject? Here is the solution. EIVT is setting up our very own homework club.

- Homework Club for children aged 8-16;
- Saturday mornings, 10am-12pm @ the Island Village Community Centre;
- Focus on Maths & English;

### **Sports on the Village**

We're looking to get expressions of interest in playing sports on the village with a view to creating additional facilities on the Village. We are planning six clubs, so rush in and bring in your ideas for what you want. Let's use the green open spaces the coming summers. If you're interested or have more ideas then get in touch the EIVT team.

### **Green Fingers**

- Do you have an interest in gardening, and want to join a Gardening Club?
- Do you want to meet, and make friends with, people with the same passion?
- Do you want to take joint responsibility for a plot of land, and grow your own vegetables / plants of your choice – with the potential for resale on the Village?

The gardening club will allow you to plant your very own organic vegetables on a plot of land in village. You will also have the opportunity sell your vegetables them in the village farm market, which will run once a week on Saturdays. This will be run by volunteers and a children's plot will also be available.

### **Get out your dancing shoes**

EIVT will be holding regular Latin dance classes, from salsa, rumba, street dancing, jazz & many more. The dance classes will be held in the Island Fitness Studios and every quarterly we will alternate between different styles of dancing. Most of the classes will be run in convenient time slots, in order to accommodate working individuals. You will never find professional teachers at such low prices.

### **French & Spanish Lessons**

EIVT will be holding French & Spanish club where you can come and learn how to speak, read and write. The lessons will be held every Saturday and there will be additional classes for children. The class will visit the Twin Towns in Spain and France next year. The teachers will be charging a minimal fee for these structured Language Sessions. So if that interests you or your kids lease get in contact with the community development team. The methodology is immersion.

### **Job advice**

We felt that there's a need for a local Job Club at the island. The weekly jobs club will be held in the community centre which will integrate practical advice with directly contacting potential employers. The club will be collaborating with other partners to arrange CV clinics, skills workshop and practical interviewing skills classes. The day of the week will be communicated later.

### **Health support**

We have got the professional NHS sponsored Enfield Health Trainers here on the Island. These are six one-to-one sessions around four major health issues where you will set your goal and the senior health trainers will help you achieve your goals. The major areas of health support are Healthy Eating, Weight loss, Active Lifestyles and giving up Smoking. This is an excellent opportunity to achieve your health goals, all free of cost. Every Friday from 9.30 till 1.30pm in the Community Centre for one-to-one consultation service, to know whether you need some help with health issues.

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## LIFE ON THE ISLAND

Having lived on the island for a number of years the only thing that has really changed is my age! I first came to live here with my children in March 2000 who have since flown the nest and five grandchildren later I am still here.

My youngest was still at St Anne's School when we moved here. I remember the day when I came to view my house, they were still laying the living room floor and that's when I met my neighbours who are very nice and also still here.

I remember watching everything being built around us. The flats opposite were just waste land, we had to put up with the work men and dust everywhere. Sten Close was also being built while we were here.

We watched The Gym being built. I remember we didn't know what it was going to be and a lot of speculation was that it was going to be a restaurant or a pub, but we were pleasantly surprised when it was revealed that it was to be a gym.

We also welcomed the fish and chip shop, that was really handy, then it was a Café where you could go and have a breakfast and sit and chat. I think that is missing on the island. Luckily we still have the Dr Surgery but they don't offer dental treatment there anymore. We have the chemist now which is very handy oh and of course our Chinese shop who knows me very well!

The island is so big you just can't know everyone but it can only improve as time goes on. Overall I have been very happy here and it's nice to see the youths grow up around you and at least they have somewhere to hang out now in the local community centre.

By Sharon  
Volunteer at the EIVT Community Team

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## £90 FOR THIS SIZE

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Come and say "Bonjour"

to Enfield Island  
village

French Market

*A variety of goods including...*

*Bread and Patisserie, Pancakes, Cheese from France, Provençal Soaps, Leather Hand Bags, Olives from Provence, Jewellery, Saucisson & Pâte from Normandy, Wooden Toys, Basketwork*

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December

10 am - 4 pm

in partnership with  
Enfield Island  
Village Trust



THE PEOPLE'S  
STORY

E N F I E L D

**FREE Art Workshop for Adults  
and Young people Run by  
Professional Artist**

**Learn about the history and heritage of  
Enfield Island and improve your artistic  
skills in a fun and exciting setting. Any  
age from 1-100 welcome.**

**When: Saturday 12th November 14.00  
Where: Enfield Island Community Centre  
42 Island Centre Way**

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## An expensive lesson in planning

The covenants covering Enfield Island Village are a benefit or hindrance depending on your point of view. They are designed to protect the look and feel of the development over time and to protect the peace and quiet of the neighbourhood.

One family on the Island has now lost a test case in court, brought by the Enfield Island Village Trust. They breached the covenants by building a porch and conservatory, despite having no authority from the Trust for the building works. Amber Management and solicitors were in contact with the family, and say that the family refused to abide by the covenants, which forced them to take the case to court. The court decided in July 2011 that they should remove both the porch and conservatory within a fixed time period and that they should pay the Trust's legal costs of around £29,000. In addition, they will have to pay their own legal costs and the costs of removing the offending buildings. The buildings cost them an estimated £30,000 to construct.

The family claimed they had been advised by Anglian Homes that there was no difficulty with the covenants. Anglian Homes were not represented in court to comment, but their Company Secretary has written to the Trust to say they will instruct their local agents to make sure they are fully aware of the covenants.

If you are unclear whether any changes already made to your property breach the covenants or are thinking of making changes. It may be worth checking the deeds to your property (or flat lease) to see if the changes are allowed under the covenants. If you are still unclear, you should contact the managing agent for Enfield Island Village on 01992 769 143 or by email to [icampbell@ambermanagement.co.uk](mailto:icampbell@ambermanagement.co.uk).

## CALENDAR

06/11/11 Launch of Active Communities project  
16h to 18h Come & meet the new comm. team

12/11/11 Intergeneration Art Day

18/12/11 Christmas Carols in Partnership with  
Oasis

07/01/12 All Faiths Event (International pot luck)

11/02/12 Health MOT

10/03/12 Art Event

19/05/12 Health MOT follow up

03/06/12 Queens Jubilee/ Big Lunch

28/07/12 Fun Sports Day with all sports partners

August Trip to Twin Town (details to be  
confirmed)

15/09/12 Pot luck dinner and dance.

**Please note the majority of these events will be  
held at the Community Centre.**

## ISLAND BIN STORES AND FLY-TIPPING

Bin Stores. Please note the bin stores on the Island are for the sole use of flat residents. If people living in houses (householders) deposit their household rubbish in a bin store it is tantamount to flat residents putting their rubbish in householders' back gardens! If that were the case then you (householders) would be the first to complain! The bins stores are barely adequate to meet the need of flat residents - who own and maintain them - so, householders, keep out!

Bulky Household Items. Furthermore, residents living in both flats and houses must not leave bulky items, such as furniture, beds, mattresses, fridge/freezers etc in or near the bin store, or anywhere else on the Island. Residents caught depositing such items as these are guilty of fly-tipping. This is a criminal offence and anyone caught doing so will be reported to the London Borough of Enfield Environmental Crime Unit with a view to being prosecuted.

Residents must make their own arrangements for the removal of large/bulky items. Help can also be obtained by calling the Council on 020 8379 1000 - ask for the Waste Disposal Department.

**AND MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!!!**