



Above: Artist impression of Skinners' Academy

Skidders' Academy Groundbreaking Event

The start of construction on the new Skinners' Academy will be marked with a Groundbreaking Event on Wednesday 4th February, 11:30am-1pm on the site at Woodberry Grove North.

There will be entertainment from Skinners' School Steel Pans Band, light refreshments, an information stand, key speakers and the 'cutting of the turf' ceremony to mark the start of the building work.

The £30 million project will form the first part of a new education and lifelong learning campus for Woodberry Down, which will eventually include an extension and remodelling of the existing primary school and a new Children's Centre and an Adult Training Centre in later phases of the programme.

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Monthly Calendar

February

3 rd , 10 th , 17 th , 24 th	Older People's Coffee morning. More details contact Janice or Phil on 020 7241 9400.
4 th	Skinners' Academy Groundbreaking Event 11:30am-1pm, Woodberry Grove North.
4 th , 11 th , 18 th , 25 th	Parkside Youth Centre Girls Night, 6pm-8.30pm, Woodberry Grove.
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9 th	Ways Into Work Job Fair, RRRC, 10am-4pm. More info phone 07527 385 646 or 020 8802 7580
12 th	Repairs Surgery: Information Centre, 95 Woodberry Grove: 2pm-4pm.
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ITLA opening hours	93 Woodberry Grove, Tuesdays and Thursdays 9.30am-7pm. Advice surgeries held 3pm-7pm.

WDCO: Woodberry Down Community Organisation
RRRC: Robin Redmond Resource Centre

News from Age Concern Hackney on Woodberry Down

Limited numbers of tickets available for Joseph at the Adelphi Theatre for older people on Woodberry Down. Date to be confirmed. Tickets free but a contribution to lunch is needed. Older People's Coffee mornings continue from 10.30am every Tuesday's at the offices of the Wildlife Trust Enquiries to **Janice or Phil on 020 7241 9400.**



Tracey Ettinger obituary

Access to Employment and Training regrets to announce the death of Tracey Ettinger, for 6 years manager of the Access Resource Centre on Woodberry Down.

Tracey was very much responsible for setting up the Centre with the support of the Woodberry Down SRB, and many hundreds of local residents will acknowledge the support and help she gave in finding training and work in what became a lively and effective centre for the community at St Olave's Cottage. She will be greatly missed by the staff at Access and by many, many people in Woodberry Down and the surrounding area.

Tracey died on 30th December 2008 at home from pneumonia and the funeral service took place on Tuesday 13th January.

Skinner's Academy

Groundbreaking Event



The academy is part of Hackney's wider academy programme and is scheduled to open in Autumn 2010 to replace the Company's existing Girl's Secondary School whose Upper School currently occupies a site at Stamford Hill. The academy will provide modern education and IT facilities for 1,150 mixed pupils including a sixth form. It will also feature a variety of sports and leisure facilities which will be available for use by local community.

This is a significant milestone as the Skinner's Academy will be the first part of the Regeneration Programme to commence construction.

While the building work takes place site traffic will move in and out of the area via the Green Lanes end of Woodberry Grove.

Artwork will be produced for the hoardings by pupils from Woodberry Down Primary School, and other local young people; part of this will follow the winning idea from a competition held at the Fun Day in July 2008 which was Graffiti-style Site Safety Signs.



There will be a 'Topping Out' ceremony, when a Time Capsule will be buried on site, once the roof is in place.

For the Groundbreaking Event the site will be open from 11.30am, proceedings start at 12 noon and we aim to finish by 1pm. Please let Rob Francis know if you would like to attend as numbers are limited - 020 8356 1671 / rob.francis@hackneyhomes.org.uk.



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Keep your home safe

Crime in Woodberry Down is low and statistics show that burglary in the New River ward dropped 6% from November 2007 to November 2008. Burglary is mostly an opportunistic crime. Victims are often selected because burglars think they're easy targets. Keep your home safe from the prying eyes of burglars and discourage them from taking a second look. The London Borough of Hackney Community Safety Team and local police in Woodberry Down provide a few simple tips that can prevent you becoming a victim.

- When you go out, ALWAYS close and lock the external doors and windows
- Fit and use a door safety chain, a spy-hole and window locks. If you have deadlocks (mortice locks) always use them
- Keep valuables out of sight
- Use timers for lights and a radio. If you are out of the house overnight or in the evening, they give the impression that someone is in
- If you have any doubts whatsoever about a caller don't let them into your home. Always ask for proof of identity and check ID carefully.



Woodberry Down CCTV came into operation in January 2008 and statistics show that during the first year of operation the cameras have been used in 123 incidents. The incidents have included stolen vehicles, road traffic collisions, assaults, public disorder, and have resulted in several notable arrests. These incidents have been low level crime and considering the size of Woodberry Down and the area the cameras cover this is an encouraging sign that the camera's have assisted the Safer Neighbourhood Team improve security in the area.

Useful contact numbers:

Community Safety Coordinators, Peter Snow/Amanda Green on 0208 356 6572/6476, email safercommunities@hackney.gov.uk

Police non-emergency: **0300 123 1212**

Police emergency: **999**

New River Police Safer Neighbourhoods team: **0208 721 2904 or 07884 117298**

Neighbourhood Wardens (Clockhouse): **0208 356 6569/6560**

Also don't forget Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111, you can give information about crime anonymously, no one will know you called and you could receive a reward.

Innovative teaching methods leads to Ofsted success for Hackney's Woodberry Down Primary school

On Tuesday 16th December, Woodberry Down Primary School was declared “an outstanding school” (in all areas) in an Ofsted report after employing innovative teaching methods and groundbreaking curriculum projects to support its pupils from predominantly Turkish, African and Caribbean backgrounds as well as a very high proportion of refugees.



Woodberry Down primary school children are given responsibly to look after the nursery's farm chickens and collect their eggs, engage in political debates whilst linking the life of Rosa Parks and her fight for civil rights to reinforce the topical victory of Barack Obama.

From the report, an Ofsted inspector's says: “Woodberry Down is an outstanding school that provides high quality education for all its pupils. Teaching and learning are outstanding, as pupils make very rapid progress from low starting points to reach the national average by the end of Year 6. Refugees and pupils who start school speaking little or no English do particularly well and the level of pastoral care for all pupils are outstanding.”

Speaking of the Ofsted report Mr Greg Wallace, Head Teacher of the school says: “We were all thrilled with the report, which reflects the truly wonderful children, staff, parents and governors who make up the school community. We were especially pleased because many of the teaching methods and curriculum projects we do are not in widespread use. It is great to have these celebrated so positively.”



Manor House Development Trust relocates

The Manor House Development Trust (MHDT) has now moved from the Lilliput Centre. They are now based at the:

Robin Redmond Resource Centre
440 Seven Sisters Rd
London, N4 2RD.

The new Trust Administrator
Jessica Francis can be reached on:
020 8356 1796 or
jessica.francis@hackneyhomes.org.uk

The next MHDT Committee Meeting will take place on 9th February 2009 at 6pm at 151 Woodberry Grove, N4 2SB in the portacabin. All MHDT Members are welcome to attend meetings start at 6.00pm. Contact the MHDT Office for joining details, venues and papers.

Oh Yes They Did!!!

Filling a 52 seater coach Woodberry Down residents and their children took a trip to watch the pantomime at Hackney Empire shortly before Christmas.

Everyone had a great time watching Mother Goose which starred Clive Rowe and Sharon D Clark and told the story of Hackneytonia.

The trip was organised by Manor House Development Trust. MHDT had organised a jumble sale to raise funds paying for all the children's tickets and subsidising the entrance for adults.



MHDT is planning more trips soon.

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We shall be recruiting throughout February. Find out how Changing Minds can contribute to your recovery and positive future.

Contact **Stephanie Monteilh**
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Activate Your Estate

Why not volunteer to become an Estate Activator. Train locally with your friends and neighbours and participate in one, or both, of these exciting free 10 week courses:

Field to Fork

Looking at the whole journey of food, this course covers growing, cooking, shopping and developing the skills you need to get healthy food on the plate – and to pass it on!

On the Pulse

Whatever your level of fitness, this course will develop your skills to become your own fitness coach – and also to train others!

These courses are both accredited and you will get 1-2-1 support to link you into other qualification opportunities and to get your ideas for local healthy living activities up and running.

With funding from City & Hackney PCT's Healthy Weight Strategy, Shoreditch Spa wants to work with you to help make your estate an easier place to be fit and healthy. To find out more about getting involved please contact Kindy on: 020 7324 5584 or kindy@shoreditchtrust.org.uk





Future Builders Taster Courses

Women, are you interested in a career in construction? Then... the Woodberry Works' Future Builders" 5-day taster courses could be for you!

This women only course will provide an opportunity for you to try out construction activities before committing to a longer period of study.

They offer basic hands-on practical experience of Tiling and Plastering; Plumbing; Painting and Decorating.

Courses are FREE and open to Hackney residents, women only, aged 16 years + with no upper age limit, employment seekers / benefits.



To enrol, come along to the enrolment day on: **Wednesday 11th February 2009 between 10.30am – 12.30pm and 1.30pm – 4.00pm.** Enrolment will take place at the Woodberry Works Training Centre, Parkfield House, Newnton Close N4.

The course dates are **Monday 23rd – Friday 27th February 2009.**

For additional information about the Future Builders Taster Courses, phone **0800 694 2109.**

Keeping you informed

Whether it's a newsletter, booklet or leaflet, we've got all the advice you need...

The Communications Team has plenty of resident information available. Every month we can publish your upcoming events and activities in this newsletter and if you would like to publicise future events get in touch with us – details can be found on the back of this newsletter.

All of these newsletters are also available online at www.hackneyhomes.org.uk/woodberrydown



Have you got a story to tell?



The Woodberry Down Regeneration Team welcomes story ideas from residents for the Newsletter. If you have a story to tell contact the Team on freephone 0800 694 2109 or email effy.lambrianou@hackneyhomes.org.uk

If you have any comments or questions about the regeneration plans for Woodberry Down please write them below including your details and send to the freepost address on the back page.

Five horizontal lines for writing comments or questions.

Best story of the month will win a £10 shopping voucher.

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OPENING TIMES:

Tuesday: 1pm-5pm

First Tuesday of Month: 1pm-7pm

Wednesday & Thursday: 10am-5pm

Contact: 020 8809 1120

Return post address:

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Woodberry Down Regeneration Team

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