




Above: Anthony Farquharson one of the first Future Builders trainees who is now about to graduate with an NVQ 1 in Construction Skills.

A taste of **Construction**



Woodberry Works Construction Training Project has had a bumper year which will be reflected in our Graduation on 13th May. The focus will be a celebration of construction learners and over 70 graduates will be recognised for their achievements.

In this issue we take a look at our new “Future Builders” Taster courses which have been a great success with over 40 local residents taking part. The next round of courses start in the Summer so look out for programme information in the June issue.

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Monthly Calendar

May

5 th , 12 th , 19 th , 26 th	The Older People's Coffee morning. More details contact Janice or Phil on 020 7241 9400.
6 th , 13 th , 20 th , 27 th	Hackney Play Bus outside Pewsham House, 1pm-3pm. More information contact Sarah Marsh on 07957 914491.
20 th	Estate Trip to Kew Gardens. More information contact Jessica Francis on 020 8356 1796.
14 th	Repairs Surgery: Information Centre, 95 Woodberry Grove: 2pm-4pm.
1 st , 8 th , 15 th , 22 nd , 29 th	The DON Project Friday Club for young people, RRRC, 5pm-8pm.
19 th	Turkish Women's Group, 1pm-3pm, RRRC.
21 st	WDCO General meeting, RRRC, 7.30pm-10pm.

June

2 nd , 9 th , 16 th , 23 rd , 30 th	The Older People's Coffee morning. More details contact Janice or Phil on 020 7241 9400.
3 rd , 10 th , 17 th , 24 th	Hackney Play Bus outside Pewsham House, 1pm-3pm. More information contact Sarah Marsh on 07957 914491.
11 th	Repairs Surgery: Information Centre, 95 Woodberry Grove: 2pm-4pm.
5 th , 12 th , 19 th , 26 th	The DON Project Friday Club for young people, RRRC, 5pm-8pm.
18 th	WDCO General meeting, RRRC, 7.30pm-10pm.
23 rd	Men's Event, RRRC, 4pm-8pm. More information contact Nadine Tapping on 020 8356 1678.
ITLA opening hours	93 Woodberry Grove, Tuesdays and Thursdays 9.30pm-7pm. Advice surgeries held 3pm-7pm.
Parkside Youth Centre opening hours	New opening hours from 20th April 09 Monday 6pm - 8pm Tuesday - Friday 6pm - 9pm

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



Roadshow 2009

The Woodberry Down Regeneration Team and partnering organisations will be hosting a number of roadshows across Woodberry Down. Each roadshow will be themed so that various information is available about the Regeneration programme and will provide you with the opportunity to ask questions. Timetable:

Wednesday 27th May

3.30pm-7.30pm

Havering House

Thursday 28th May

12pm-4pm

Front of Parkfield House – Construction Centre

Friday 29th May

11am-3pm

John Scott Health Centre

Tuesday 2nd June

12pm-4pm

Pewsham House

Wednesday 3rd June

3.30pm-7.30pm

Rowley Gardens Green

Saturday 6th June

11am-3pm

Shops at Woodberry Grove



For more information see enclosed flyer or contact 0800 694 2109.



Seven Sisters Road Scheme Consultation

During the Roadshows planned for the last week of May/first week of June, BMG Research will be conducting a survey of local residents who attend the Roadshows, and commuters who pass through the Manor House interchange, to gauge their opinion on the proposals for Seven Sisters Road.

If you're approached by one of BMG's fieldworkers, we'd really appreciate you taking a few minutes to give your feedback. And one lucky participant will win an iPod Nano...

If you have any questions about the survey, please contact:

Natasha Kendall on 0121 333 6006 or

BMG Research, Holt Court, Heneage Street West,
Aston Science Park, Birmingham B7 4AX.

Over 40 trainees attended the 5-day taster courses, which offered hands-on practical experience of tiling and plastering; painting and decorating; and plumbing.

Victoria Page: “I already knew a bit about painting and decorating but I learned a couple of new skills.”

On the tiling and plastering sessions, Marie Eastmond, said: “I had fun. I am proud of myself in succeeding.”

Dalwinder Jagdish on the plumbing sessions: “Interesting and useful information on equipment and how to control leaks.”

Lovern Willoughby said: “The employability session brought the whole field of construction into perspective.”

Christina Kiwat, put it simply: “I loved it!”

Woodberry Works’ Project Manager, Marlene McEachrane, said: “The ‘Future Builders’ programme has been extremely well received and was very successful in terms of attendance. Most of the trainees have signed up for our Construction and Business Administration NVQ programmes; so there has been a positive longer term spin-off from these courses.”



Right: Woodberry Works trainees learning tiling.

Time to get involved

The Woodberry Down Community Organisation (WDCO) is holding elections for representatives from each part of Woodberry Down.

Representatives are being chosen at special election meetings which are taking place right now.

Anyone over 18 years of age can put themselves forward to represent their part of the estate or nominate a friend or neighbour. If you are elected you will be expected to attend the monthly WDCO Board meeting and one or two other meetings each month.

The May election meeting will be for Woodberry Down South East which comprises the area to the south of Seven Sisters Road between Woodberry Grove and Amhurst Park starting with the shops in Woodberry Grove and going all the way east along Newton Close to Dovedale House.

This meeting will be held on Monday 11th May 2009 at 7pm at the Robin Redmond Resource Centre.

Construction Update from



We have now completed our first month on 'The Old School Site' and works are progressing well in line with our Construction Programme despite losing a few days to the poor weather.

As mentioned in our April update we spent the first two weeks carrying out site investigation works with the Museum of London Archaeological Society and we can now formally report that no historic interest was found which meant we were given the green light to progress with our works.

We have also completed the formation of our temporary access road including the tarmac wearing course which gives our construction vehicles safe and clean access to the rear of the site from our Woodberry Grove entrance. As for the entrance itself, we had to apply for a Local Authority licence to widen this gate position to allow large vehicles to safely manoeuvre this junction. In doing so we have managed to avoid suspending the parking bays in front of the shops which would have had an adverse affect on local business.

The initial site establishment has also been completed and our contractor,

Coinford Construction Ltd, are now well and truly settled in on the site in their offices.

You will also have noticed that we have now temporarily suspended a small section of the New River footpath which runs parallel with our development. This is so that the new deep drainage works required to serve the new scheme can safely commence and will continue for the next few months. We have also begun enabling works beneath the first two blocks known as F & G. This entails the removal of large concrete obstructions from the old building footings and levelling off the ground to receive the new piled foundations.

Finally, you will see during the month of May the commencement of the piled foundations for blocks F & G which involves a large rig being delivered to site. The type of piling chosen is known a 'Continuous Flight Auger' and this is the most nuisance friendly of the systems available and causes very little noise and vibration.

We look forward to giving you a further update in the June newsletter.



Interim Repair Programme for Woodberry Down

An Interim Repair Programme for Woodberry Down will commence later this year and will seek to make essential repairs to properties identified in phases 3 to 5 of the Woodberry Down Regeneration Plan. The overall aim of the programme will be to ensure properties remain weatherproofed, in a safe condition and provide a decent home ahead of major regeneration. Generally works will be separated into two separate sections with external repairs first and then internal repairs following after.

Essential External Repair Work – September 2009 to 2010

Typical works that may be required:

- Roof repair or renewal
- Window replacement
- Concrete and brickwork repair
- Repair of rainwater goods and drainage
- Repair/replace communal lighting

Internal Repairs – 2010 to March 2011

Typical works that may be required:

- Improving the quality of kitchens & bathrooms
- Improving central heating

All works will be carried out by selected contractors from the Hackney Decent Homes Programme, ensuring that skills and experience of similar works will be transferred to Woodberry Down.



Meet the Genesis Community Team

Genesis
Housing Group

The photo below shows the Genesis Community Team that will be working with you all on Woodberry Down. Genesis Community is the main way Genesis enhances the lives of residents, improving life opportunities and supporting communities.

Employability, Enterprise & Training

The Employability Programme involves Genesis Community meeting residents through door knocking and other forms of outreach. Our staff are trained to offer confidence and support, shaping opportunities around each individual resident's needs and aspirations. We work on a personal basis with every resident and support them, by offering advice and guidance, to find the training and development programmes that will meet their particular needs.

Young People

Young people are a very important focus for Genesis Community, largely through street outreach where our teams engage with young people who are not at school or working and encourage them to move on from hanging around street corners to doing something positive. We run our own rolling training programme and currently employ two such young people as trainees as Youth Ambassadors. We also run football projects and work with schools.

Old and Vulnerable

Equally important are the range of projects run by Genesis Community involving older and vulnerable people. The projects include the Digital UniTe computer learning programme which has resulted in over 300 older people learning how to access the internet and communicate with family and friends through email.

Financial Inclusion

Genesis Community has an established financial capability and literacy programme offering monetary advice to residents referred to the project, including financial health checks and debt counselling.

Supporting the Community

Genesis Community is active in supporting local communities through a small grants programme called Community Chest which supports local projects. This year we have made over 30 grants totalling just over £33,000, covering a wide range of local organisations.

We will be working with residents, the Manor House Development Trust, the Regeneration Team and local organisations to establish the best ways Genesis Community can support improving quality of life for people living on Woodberry Down.

For more information please contact Sherine McFarlane on 020 8900 4890.



Pictured left to right: Fabian Gilbert (Youth Team Delivery Manager), Katie de Joux (Employment Development Officer), Iain Mackechnie-Jarvis (Head of Genesis Community) and Sherine McFarlane (Operations Manager).



Barking and Dagenham regeneration visit

Last month members of WDCO and Cllr Middleton visited Barking and Dagenham where they got the opportunity to see various aspects within the town centre and plans about Barking Riverside Regeneration programmes. The group was received by officers that took time to guide them through a variety of community facilities, public realm aspects and areas to be further developed in the future.

Adult Learners' Week at Hackney Libraries 9th-15th May

Adult Learners' Week is the UK's largest and longest-running annual festival of learning. Its aim is to encourage adults, whatever their age and background, to give learning a go: whether it's learning for pleasure, catching up on skills missed at school or with the aim of getting a new job or promotion. It also celebrates the learning achievements of those adults who are already engaged in learning, bringing their stories to a wider audience.

As part of Adult Learners' Week there will be two

sessions at Woodberry Down Community Library, at the Robin Redmond Resource Centre:

- An Introduction to Journalism
Tuesday 12th May, 5pm – 7pm
- Baby First Aid
Friday 15th May, 11am – 12pm



Both sessions are free, and you don't need to book – just come along!

For more information about Adult Learners' Week check out the website: www.niace.org.uk/alw/2009/Default.htm

Watersports

Watersports is a free 10-session course aimed at young people aged 12-19 in Woodberry Down. It's on Thursdays at 4.30pm-6pm from 23rd April at the West Reservoir Centre.

The course will enable you to learn about different watersports, with the added bonus of helping you to develop skills in teamwork and problem-solving. The older participants can act as helpers to the younger ones if they choose. Participants will also be given a certificate and can also gain a reference.

Further training opportunities are available to any over-16s who want to pursue a career in watersports coaching with the potential to find paid work.

You need to book by calling Tania St Croix on 07872 675569 or email her at tania@elevateuk.org



Woodberry Down Healthy Spaces Club launch

A sunny Thursday 9th April saw the launch of Well London's Healthy Spaces project at the London Wildlife Trust's East Reservoir Community Garden.

Groundwork London and London Wildlife Trust teamed up to create the 'Woodberry Down Healthy Spaces Club'; a weekly food growing club for local residents based at the East Reservoir site.

The event brought the community together in a variety of activities such as willow weaving, bush craft, bird watching plus much more. Local Turkish residents supplied an amazing Turkish feast and BBQ. The event was a great success and local residents showed a lot of interest in participating in the new Healthy Spaces project.

If you would like to know more about the project, please contact Sam at Groundwork London on 020 8985 1755 or sam.alexander@groundwork.org.uk



Volunteer!

We're still looking for a few more volunteers to enable us to get the **Newnton Close Day Centre** up and running.

If you're an adult with a spare morning or day free a week, would you be interested in helping to assist with a range of activities there? No previous experience is required and training will be provided.

If you're interested and would like to find out more please contact **Rob Francis** on 0800 694 2109 or email rob.francis@hackneyhomes.org.uk



Woodberry Down: Get Moving!

Immediate Theatre and East London Dance are planning a fantastic week of intergenerational dance at the end of May, during half-term week, spanning the decades and crossing cultures.

Woodberry Down: Get Dancing! will be held from Tuesday 26th to Friday 29th May, 11am to 4pm, at the Robin Redmond Resource Centre. It's free to take part, and participants will work towards a public performance at the Centre on Saturday 30th May at 5.30pm.

On Saturday 30th May Woodberry Down: Get Moving! will offer a fabulous day of free 45 minute workshops at the Centre, with the aim of giving you a taste of some of the activities that are held there on a regular basis. Please see the enclosed flyer for more details.

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 or on a separate sheet including your details and send to the freepost address on the back page.

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

Useful numbers:

Repairs Contact Centre: 020 8356 3691

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