

The Royal Borough goes to the polls

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The next four years

Re-elected Council Leader Cllr Merrick Cockell sketches a vision for the four-year life of the new Council

At local and national level, people have made their voices heard. As a result there is a new Conservative Prime Minister in Downing Street leading a coalition and there will soon be many new faces taking their seats in the chamber here at the Town Hall.

Getting the economy back into shape is going to be the top national priority. Before the election all three main parties were in agreement that severe but undefined public spending reductions would be needed to tackle the fiscal deficit. Local councils, ours included, know they are going to have to bear much of the burden.

We never believed that the days of boom and bust were truly over and we prepared for that by building up our reserves. Although this means we can provide some protection for absolute local priorities, we cannot provide immunity from the necessary changes that are heading our way.

Our council tax remains amongst the lowest in England and we aim to keep it that way, but we know that even well-prepared councils like ours will have to do more than simply tighten their belts. That means we will have to focus resources on essential services rather than what was possible in less austere times. In concentrating on those, we are going to find different, cheaper ways of operating. We will cut our costs before seeking savings in front-line services.

But however tight the public spending squeeze may be, one thing we won't be doing is using that as an excuse to hunker down and stop striving for, and investing in, a better borough.

In the four year life of this new Council, we are going to see the realisation of some longstanding ambitions that are essential for the future of our community. The new Chelsea Academy building, our first new secondary school in 50 years will open in September. Holland Park School is being rebuilt and a stunning new Exhibition Road at the centre of the cultural and academic quarter of South Kensington will be ready to greet the world in 2012.

For historical reasons, the north of the borough has always been less well off than the rest. We must continue to work to remove the opportunity gap between north and south, which is why we are vigorously pursuing a new academy in North Kensington. We know that local children do better when they find a place in a Royal Borough school. As Holland Park School has become more and more popular, its catchment area has become ever smaller and some Royal Borough children are unable to get a place in a high performing local school. We are determined to meet that need.

We also need improved sports and recreation facilities so that people can take better care of themselves and find positive outlets for their energy. Kensington Sports Centre has seen better days and a new facility next to a new school could provide facilities matching the needs of this century rather than the last.



Our ambition for a Crossrail station at Kensal would bring Heathrow, Canary Wharf and the City within easy reach and would trigger a massive redevelopment of the 67-acre gasworks site. That development would bring thousands of new homes and jobs into the borough and connect the most deprived communities to opportunities elsewhere.

Couple all that with the recently-approved redevelopment of the Wornington Green Estate, which will provide improved homes and new shops and jobs in Portobello Road, and we will see real change in the quality of life and opportunities in North Kensington.

But our ambitions for the new Council aren't all about the north of the borough. The owners of Earl's Court Exhibition Centre aim to redevelop it after the 2012 Olympics. We will be fighting to make sure any project brings lasting and major improvements in quality of life for Earl's Court too.

On nearby Warwick Road we will see the development of four separate sites to create many hundreds of new, high quality homes with shops and health and community facilities, plus a new primary school.

As with all ambitions, some will be realised in full, others in part and some not at all. Some may not be affordable for many years.

But without foresight and ambition our community will stagnate. Across the political parties, newly elected councillors are ambitious for our borough and its residents but realistic about the tough times ahead. We are ready for the challenges and opportunities we face.



Open for business

Families from across the borough joined Cllr Merrick Cockell, Leader of the Council, and guest of honour Samantha Cameron, wife of the Prime Minister David Cameron, at a special opening ceremony for the St. Quintin Centre.

The unique facility in North Kensington provides a children's centre and a separate centre for disabled children and young people under one roof. It is believed to be a first for a local council in the UK. To find out more contact the Children's Centre on 020 8968 2580 or the Centre for Disabled Children and Young People on 020 8968 2570.

PIGGY POWER



Holland Park was home to four unusual residents for several months this spring when the Council gave a family of British Saddleback pigs a temporary home in one of London's most sought-after postcodes.

The sow and her three piglets were invited to take up residence in Holland Park to help the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea restore and improve woodlands and meadows.

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Having fun at Avondale

An illuminated, spider-shaped climbing frame has taken centre stage in the new adventure playground at Avondale Park, where the Council is investing a total of £900,000 in new and improved facilities.

The playground, which takes on board ideas put forward by local residents and young people, opened in time for some serious fun during the Easter holidays. The Government's *Play Pathfinder* project contributed £50,000 towards the costs.

Finishing the playground marks the end of the first phase of the Avondale Park Improvements Project. The second phase will provide new toilet and changing rooms and the final phase will improve the ecology area and the general landscaping.

Correction

In the story headed *Supporting rape victims* on page 12 of our last edition we incorrectly identified Cllr Keith Cunningham as chairman of the working group. In fact the group was chaired by Cllr Catherine Atkinson.

Local Democracy Information

MAY AND JUNE 2010

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Planning Applications
18 May
8 June

Council
26 May

Investment
27 May

Regulation and Enforcement
2 June

Major Planning
Development Committee
7 June

Cabinet
10 June

Standards
15 June

OVERVIEW AND
SCRUTINY
COMMITTEES

Cabinet and Corporate
Services
8 June

Health
16 June

Correction

In early editions of February's *Royal Borough* the article 'A New Direction' (p9) incorrectly identified a volunteer at the Blenheim Community Drugs Project's Portobello Project as Laraine Start. In fact, Laraine Start is Learning and Development Manager at Blenheim CDP and the volunteer was Lorraine. We apologise for any confusion this may have caused.

SHAPING THE FUTURE

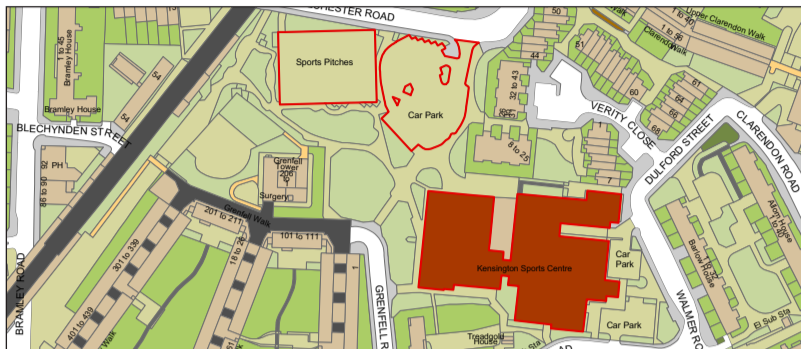
Plans that could provide a new secondary school and a new leisure centre in North Kensington have been discussed by the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea's Cabinet.

Officers have now been asked to look at the feasibility of two options that could see the Kensington Leisure Centre site being used to solve the twin challenges of providing the area with a new academy and rebuilding the ageing leisure centre.

The Council is committed to providing a new secondary school in North Kensington and has commissioned a number of studies to look at the best way of achieving this goal, which is likely to involve using a site that it already owns.

The Cabinet considered two options; building the academy on the site of the external sports pitches and car park or a grander option that would involve using the whole of the leisure centre site to provide a brand new school and leisure centre.

The Council will not make a



decision until the site has been fully assessed, and even then plans for a new school and leisure centre would be subject to the statutory planning process. The Council would also have to be sure that the necessary finances were in place.

Cllr Merrick Cockell, Leader of the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea, said: "We have ambitious plans for North Kensington and chief amongst these is to build a fine new secondary school. I know

from experience the challenges we will face building a school in such a densely populated borough. This is why we must consult thoroughly with local people and reassure ourselves that any site we choose is the right one."

The Council's consultation with local residents, businesses, stakeholders and others will cover issues such as the location of the school, the future of the leisure centre and what a new centre could offer local people.

On the ball over online fraud

An online fraud that targeted foreign tourists has been uncovered by Kensington and Chelsea Council.

The fraudsters were copying rental listings from legitimate estate agents' websites and then posting them on bogus sites. Tourists who 'booked' one of the flats or apartments in a desirable part of the Royal Borough were asked for payment in advance via money transfer and only realised they had been conned when they tried to collect the keys from a legitimate lettings agency or estate agent.

Trading standards officers uncovered that cyber-criminals were using the websites www.choosencitysapartment.com and www.standardlondoncity.com to promote bogus properties. Officers traced the scammers to Madeira where the websites were registered.

In January, 16 people turned up at the offices of a legitimate company on Hogarth Road, SW5 asking for the keys to the flats they believed they had reserved. Last summer trading standards officers helped to stop the criminals when a family from Australia became suspicious and asked them to verify one of the websites.

Councillor Julie Mills, Cabinet Member for Environmental Health, said: "In the run up to the Olympics we expect thousands more visitors to the borough, and I urge all tourists

who plan on visiting London to be extra vigilant and ensure they only book accommodation via a legitimate company."

Here are the Council's top tips to avoid being conned by bogus rental companies:

- Don't pay for services or goods via money transfer agents.
- Use a credit card when paying over the internet as this can provide insurance against fraud.
- 'Google' the name of the website or agency you plan to use and include the word 'scam' or 'fraud' in the search to check its legitimacy.
- Be wary of spelling mistakes and grammatical errors.
- Remember, if it sounds too good to be true, it often is.



Promoting good pubs

The Council is again inviting pubs, bars and clubs in Kensington and Chelsea to enter the annual *Best Bar None* awards, now in their third year.

The award scheme is run in more than 90 council areas throughout Britain and recognises those licensed premises that try hardest to be considerate to their neighbours and have a positive impact in their area.

Applications have been accepted since April and premises will be assessed between July and September, with the judging process looking at a range of criteria including safety, training for staff, security, drugs policy, litter disposal and noise control.

More than a third of Royal Borough premises entered last year's scheme and the Council wants as many pubs, bars and clubs as possible to show themselves at their best. The scheme is supported by Diageo Great Britain and Soundsec Security.

Last year's overall winner and winner of the Best Pub award was the Drayton Arms in Old Brompton Road. To find out more or enter call **020 7341 5708** or email bestbarnone@rbkc.gov.uk

www.rbkc.gov.uk/bestbarnone



Talking books with Kent

Kent Ibe, from Marlborough Primary School, discusses his favourite books with Cllr Merrick Cockell, Leader of the Council, in the new Young People's Zone on the first floor at the refurbished Chelsea Library.

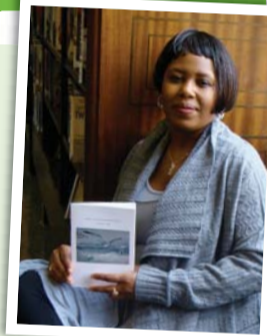
WELL READ

Library members in Kensington and Chelsea are being invited to have a go at writing their own novel or short story – but this is an invitation with a difference.

This time their work won't just be read by family and friends but stands a chance of being enjoyed by a wider audience. Library staff will choose one novel a month to print and put on loan in the Royal Borough's libraries.

The scheme, which began in January and runs until July, was developed by librarian Angela Goreham.

The winner for January was Tryphine S. Ncube (inset), who wrote: *So long... you lose. Be sure to feed the cat*, while February's winner was John David, with *Birk and Da Endz*.



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Local elections 2010 – all the results from all the wards

*Each voter has three votes

PEMBRIDGE WARD Candidates	Votes
Bukasa , Adolphe <i>Labour Party</i>	339
Campbell , Barbara <i>Conservative Party</i>	1,521
Campbell , John <i>Liberal Democrat</i>	736
Campion , David <i>Conservative Party</i>	1,411
Delahey , Margaret <i>Labour Party</i>	318
Enright , Michael <i>Green Party</i>	460
Gurney , Christabel <i>Labour Party</i>	316
Pease , Rosamund <i>Liberal Democrat</i>	546
Weatherhead , Doreen <i>Conservative Party</i>	1,348
Wilson , Martin <i>Liberal Democrat</i>	536
Total number of voters	5,431
Number of votes cast*	7,553
Turnout	48.7%

NOTTING BARNS WARD Candidates	Votes
Atkinson , John <i>Labour Party</i>	1,684
Blakeman , Judith <i>Labour Party</i>	1,923
Chauhan , Max <i>Conservative Party</i>	932
Foreman , Todd <i>Labour Party</i>	1,639
Hargreaves , Gerard <i>Conservative Party</i>	1,106
Mackover , Sam <i>Conservative Party</i>	924
Tatton-Brown , Alexandra <i>Liberal Democrat</i>	756
Tuck , Robin <i>Liberal Democrat</i>	633
Yusuf , Mohamed <i>Liberal Democrat</i>	572
Total number of voters	6,554
Number of votes cast*	10,198
Turnout	55.2%

ABINGDON WARD Candidates	Votes
Alkaff , Christina <i>Labour Party</i>	363
Borwick , Victoria <i>Conservative Party</i>	1,853
Faulder , John <i>Liberal Democrat</i>	865
Gardner , Joanna <i>Conservative Party</i>	1,786
Good , Jeremy <i>Liberal Democrat</i>	883
Husband , James <i>Conservative Party</i>	1,821
Lewis , David <i>Labour Party</i>	365
Pringle , Margaret <i>Labour Party</i>	347
Pritchard , Susan <i>Liberal Democrat</i>	774
Total number of voters	6,245
Number of votes cast*	9,084
Turnout	48.8%

BROMPTON WARD Candidates	Votes
Coxon , Ann <i>Liberal Democrat</i>	410
Green , Martin <i>Labour Party</i>	307
Hanham , Iain <i>Conservative Party</i>	1,548
Harris , Mary <i>Liberal Democrat</i>	452
Marshall , Quentin <i>Conservative Party</i>	1,523
Parsons , Susie <i>Labour Party</i>	282
Perry , Dave <i>Labour Party</i>	214
Ritchie , Shireen <i>Conservative Party</i>	1,567
Total number of voters	5,918
Number of votes cast*	6,312
Turnout	39.9%

CAMPDEN WARD Candidates	Votes
Ahern , Tim <i>Conservative Party</i>	1,786
Buckmaster , Christopher <i>Conservative Party</i>	1,774
Congreve , Priscilla <i>Liberal Democrat</i>	524
Crichton-Miller , James <i>Liberal Democrat</i>	484
Elliott , Lucy <i>Liberal Democrat</i>	592
Freeman , Robert <i>Conservative Party</i>	1,682
Lasharie , Ghulam <i>Labour Party</i>	273
Parsons , John <i>Labour Party</i>	261
Sautter , Mark <i>Labour Party</i>	285
Total number of voters	5,640
Number of votes cast*	7,709
Turnout	48.1%

COLVILLE WARD Candidates	Votes
Akhrif , Amir <i>Labour Party</i>	1,082
Bentayeb , Samia <i>Conservative Party</i>	730
Bond , Alexander <i>Conservative Party</i>	735
Caruana , Carol <i>Liberal Democrat</i>	1,459
Coburn , David <i>UK Independence Party</i>	115
Jones , Timothy <i>Liberal Democrat</i>	1,244
Kosta , Peter <i>Liberal Democrat</i>	1,061
Lasharie , Beinazir <i>Labour Party</i>	913
North , Lloyd <i>Conservative Party</i>	696
O'Neill , Dez <i>Labour Party</i>	1,096
Total number of voters	5,840
Number of votes cast*	9,124
Turnout	54.7%

COURTFIELD WARD Candidates	Votes
Dodgeon , Brian <i>Labour Party</i>	374
Holt , Tony <i>Conservative Party</i>	1,525
Michel , Carl <i>Liberal Democrat</i>	486
Coates , Anthony <i>Conservative Party</i>	1,472
Rutherford , Elizabeth <i>Conservative Party</i>	1,519
Somers , William <i>Liberal Democrat</i>	477
Warren , Susan <i>Labour Party</i>	279
Williams , Damian <i>Labour Party</i>	239
Young , Michael <i>Liberal Democrat</i>	434
Total number of voters	6,407
Number of votes cast*	6,824
Turnout	37.5%

CREMORNE WARD Candidates	Votes
Arnold , Lesley-Anne <i>Labour Party</i>	728
Briggs , Richard <i>Labour Party</i>	730
Chute , Richard <i>Labour Party</i>	636
Condon-Simmonds , Maighread <i>Conservative Party</i>	1,588
Daley , Mark <i>Conservative Party</i>	1,542
England , Julian <i>Liberal Democrat</i>	693
Ford , Elizabeth <i>Liberal Democrat</i>	620
Lawrence , Ann <i>Liberal Democrat</i>	578
Neal , Matthew <i>Conservative Party</i>	1,327
Seton-Marsden , Alasdair <i>UK Independence Party</i>	155
Total number of voters	5,834
Number of votes cast*	8,615
Turnout	51.8%

EARL'S COURT WARD Candidates	Votes
Bishop , Joel <i>Labour Party</i>	569
Buxton , Terence <i>Conservative Party</i>	1,262
Dearie , Oliver <i>Labour Party</i>	179
McKeown , Mabel <i>Labour Party</i>	487
Peacock , Norma <i>Liberal Democrat</i>	621
Phelps , Barry <i>Conservative Party</i>	1,358
Read , Jonathon <i>Conservative Party</i>	1,150
Ridley , William <i>Green Party</i>	302
Somers , Rosemary <i>Liberal Democrat</i>	578
Spalding , Malcolm <i>Independent</i>	174
Wade , Linda <i>Liberal Democrat</i>	560
Total number of voters	6,514
Number of votes cast*	7,261
Turnout	41.8%

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GOLBORNE WARD Candidates	Votes
Beyts , Nicholas <i>Conservative Party</i>	484
Dent Coad , Emma <i>Labour Party</i>	1,653
Hoier , Bridget <i>Labour Party</i>	1,564
Mason , Pat <i>Labour Party</i>	1,637
Owen , Frances <i>Liberal Democrat</i>	568
Parker , Benjamin <i>Green Party</i>	344
Sliti , Yasin <i>Conservative Party</i>	533
Steward , Dougal <i>Conservative Party</i>	544
Whelan , James <i>Liberal Democrat</i>	506
Yusuf , Manal <i>Liberal Democrat</i>	427
Total number of voters	6,178
Number of votes cast*	8,292
Turnout	50.6%

HANS TOWN WARD Candidates	Votes
Adlard , St. John <i>Labour Party</i>	296
Atkinson , Isabel <i>Labour Party</i>	356
Coleridge , Timothy <i>Conservative Party</i>	1,930
Emanuel , Paulina <i>Labour Party</i>	352
Mayers , Josie <i>Liberal Democrat</i>	399
Paget-Brown , Nicholas <i>Conservative Party</i>	1,782
Stephenson , Julia <i>Green Party</i>	334
Turmel , Francois <i>Liberal Democrat</i>	321
Weale , Mary <i>Conservative Party</i>	1,650
Total number of voters	6,787
Number of votes cast*	7,446
Turnout	40.1%

HOLLAND WARD Candidates	Votes
Beard , Simon <i>Liberal Democrat</i>	659
Collinson , Deborah <i>Conservative Party</i>	1,832
Costello , Michael <i>Labour Party</i>	453
Ebrahimi-Fardouee , Zahra-Melan <i>Green Party</i>	344
Hanham , Joan <i>Conservative Party</i>	1,760
Kearney , Marian <i>Labour Party</i>	439
Keeling , William <i>Liberal Democrat</i>	544
Lightfoot , Warwick <i>Conservative Party</i>	1,771
Shapro , Stuart <i>Labour Party</i>	354
Shortt , James <i>Liberal Democrat</i>	466
Total number of voters	6,152
Number of votes cast*	7,981
Turnout	49.6%

NORLAND WARD Candidates	Votes
Blanchflower , Simon <i>Labour Party</i>	787
Bowerman , Roger <i>Labour Party</i>	722
Elshimi , Mohammed <i>Labour Party</i>	681
Horner , Christopher <i>Liberal Democrat</i>	693
Lamont , Andrew <i>Conservative Party</i>	1,864
Lindsay , David <i>Conservative Party</i>	1,804
Mayers , Guy <i>Liberal Democrat</i>	714
Mills , Julie <i>Conservative Party</i>	1,654
Vidal-Hall , Angele <i>Liberal Democrat</i>	534
Total number of voters	6,248
Number of votes cast*	9,480
Turnout	55%

QUEEN'S GATE WARD Candidates	Votes
Blamey , John <i>Liberal Democrat</i>	431
Brown , Barry <i>Liberal Democrat</i>	488
Buxton , Fiona <i>Conservative Party</i>	1,763
Dalton , Andrew <i>Conservative Party</i>	1,677
McGuirk , Sheila <i>Liberal Democrat</i>	476
McNeice , Angus <i>Labour Party</i>	275
Moylan , Daniel <i>Conservative Party</i>	1,658
Stirling , William <i>Labour Party</i>	230
Tod , Caroline <i>Labour Party</i>	252
Total number of voters	6,258
Number of votes cast*	7,274
Turnout	50%

REDCLIFFE WARD Candidates	Votes
Atkinson , John <i>Labour Party</i>	349
Brown , Thomas <i>Labour Party</i>	362
Drake , John <i>Liberal Democrat</i>	476
Elnaghi , Marwan <i>Labour Party</i>	290
Leavey , Patrick <i>Liberal Democrat</i>	464
Porter , Katerina <i>Liberal Democrat</i>	541
Rossi , Marie-Therese <i>Conservative Party</i>	1,921
Taylor , Frances <i>Conservative Party</i>	1,922
Williams , Charles <i>Conservative Party</i>	1,775
Total number of voters	6,673
Number of votes cast*	8,124
Turnout	43.7%

ROYAL HOSPITAL WARD Candidates	Votes
Atkinson , Catherine <i>Labour Party</i>	297
Campbell , Elizabeth <i>Conservative Party</i>	2,029
Donaldson , Ian <i>Conservative Party</i>	1,994
Hesketh , Ev <i>Green Party</i>	321
Morris , Norma <i>Labour Party</i>	206
Pocock , Penelope <i>Liberal Democrat</i>	491
Van Loon , Giso <i>Liberal Democrat</i>	383
Will , Emma <i>Conservative Party</i>	1,879
Williams , Janet <i>Labour Party</i>	200
Total number of voters	5,597
Number of votes cast*	7,800
Turnout	50.3%

STANLEY WARD Candidates	Votes
Cockell , Merrick <i>Conservative Party</i>	1,828
Corbett , Margaret <i>Labour Party</i>	322
Denman , Moya <i>Liberal Democrat</i>	480
Etoe , Owen <i>Liberal Democrat</i>	373
Giles Louvros , Annabelle <i>Labour Party</i>	376
Herford , George <i>Liberal Democrat</i>	256
Koumi , Peter <i>Labour Party</i>	258
Pascall , William <i>Conservative Party</i>	1,669
Warrick , Paul <i>Conservative Party</i>	1,704
Total number of voters	5,338
Number of votes cast*	7,825
Turnout	49.1%

ST CHARLES WARD Candidates	Votes
Feilding-Mellen , Rock <i>Conservative Party</i>	1,148
Healy , Pat <i>Labour Party</i>	1,407
Johnson , Dominic <i>Conservative Party</i>	1,163
Larkins , Robert <i>Liberal Democrat</i>	671
Mingay , Bob <i>Labour Party</i>	1,305
Orrell , Brian <i>Liberal Democrat</i>	544
Palmer , Matthew <i>Conservative Party</i>	1,292
Robson , Christine <i>Labour Party</i>	1,243
Tatton-Brown , Joe <i>Liberal Democrat</i>	627
Total number of voters	6,208
Number of votes cast*	9,424
Turnout	52.8%

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RESULTS FOR 2010
GENERAL ELECTION

Kensington Constituency

Candidate	Votes
Adams, Eddie <i>Alliance for Green Socialism</i>	197
Ebrahimi-Fardouee, Zahra-Melan <i>Green Party</i>	753
Gurney, Sam <i>Labour Party</i>	8,979
Meltzer, Robin <i>Liberal Democrats</i>	6,872
Pearson, Lady Caroline Pearson of Rannoch <i>UK Independence Party</i>	754
RIFKIND, Malcolm <i>Conservative Party</i>	17,595 ELECTED
Total number of voters	65,975
Number of votes cast	35,405
Turnout	53.7%



Chelsea and Fulham Constituency

Candidate	Votes
Courtenay, Roland <i>New Independent Conservative Chelsea and Fulham</i>	196
Gittos, Tim <i>UK Independence Party</i>	478
HANDS, Greg <i>Conservative Party</i>	24,093 ELECTED
Hazell, Dirk <i>Liberal Democrats</i>	6,473
Hilton, Alexander <i>Labour Party</i>	7,371
McDonald, Brian <i>British National Party</i>	388
Roseman, George <i>English Democrats Party</i>	169
Spickernell, Godfrey <i>Blue Environment Party</i>	17
Stephenson, Julia <i>Green Party</i>	671
Total number of voters	66,257
Number of votes cast	40,048
Turnout	60.44%





The fabric of business

A group of budding young entrepreneurs enjoyed the chance of a lifetime when they visited the head office of Cath Kidston Ltd and met the face behind the globally successful brand.

Twenty seven young people, aged 16 to 19, were given the chance to visit the Notting Hill office, where they were treated to a VIP tour and spoke to department heads responsible for areas including human resources, finance, marketing and logistics. Highlight of the day was a question and answer session with Cath Kidston herself.

The visit was part of a pilot being run by the Council to help young

people understand how to run their own business by competing for the opportunity to run a market stall on the world famous Portobello Road.

As well as having the opportunity to learn from successful entrepreneurs they are attending a series of workshops in areas such as marketing, environmental health and finance to equip them with the necessary business skills.

Working in groups, the young people will, in July, pitch their idea for a product or service to a panel of 'dragons' who will choose two groups to each receive a £1,000 start-up fund. The budding

entrepreneurs will then trade for a period of up to six months and receive ongoing mentoring to help make their idea a reality.

Cath Kidston Ltd was founded in 1993 when the designer opened a tiny shop in Holland Park. She began by selling the vintage fabrics, wallpapers and brightly painted junk furniture she remembered fondly from her childhood.

Speaking after the visit she said: "We hope the scheme will inspire young people in the local community and encourage entrepreneurial endeavour – and we will be following their progress closely over the coming months."

Cllr Shireen Richie, Cabinet Member for Children's Services, said: "This unique scheme provides young people with practical opportunities to help develop their entrepreneurial skills and enhance their employability.

"Small businesses are the lifeblood of our community and I hope that this scheme inspires some of our young people to start up on their own."

Portobello Road Market has launched many successful entrepreneurial careers. Peter Simon, the chairman of Monsoon, started out in 1972 with a stall on Portobello Road selling hand-knitted coats. The following year the first Monsoon shop was opened in Beauchamp Place in Knightsbridge.



Paddling together

Families from across the borough are pulling together by joining in with kayaking sessions as part of a Council programme to strengthen families.

The sessions are designed to help families stay together and are supervised by a trained instructor and a specialist outreach worker from the Council. They allow family members to have fun and provide an opportunity for them to work through issues in a neutral environment and cope with some of the stresses of family life.

Reactions so far have been very positive with some likening the Thames-based experience to the kind of family holiday they wouldn't normally be able to have.

RESTORED TO FORMER GLORY

The spectacular Leighton House Museum reopened to the public in April after 18 months out of the limelight while refurbishment was carried out.

The newly-opened museum is currently showing a special exhibition of works from Leighton's own fascinating collection of paintings and sculpture, including important loans from the National Gallery, Tate and National Portrait Gallery.

The reopening follows a survey in 2006 that showed the electrical wiring, fire and intruder detection systems and central heating all needed upgrading. While the building was closed for the practical work, Kensington and Chelsea Council took the opportunity to revisit the decoration and presentation of the house.

Frederic Leighton (1830 to 1896),

eminent painter and President of the Royal Academy, was the only person ever to live in the house in Holland Park Road. It opened to the public as a Museum in 1900 but the original decoration was gradually eroded through the first part of the twentieth century. It is only since the early 1980s that experts have been working on reinstating the original decoration and re-establishing the character of the interiors.

A number of specialist manufacturers have recreated the wall coverings in the Silk Room and Dining Room, as well as the soft furnishings throughout the house. Original architectural features, like fire places removed in the twentieth century, have been put back.

The special launch exhibition includes works by Constable, Corot, Tintoretto, Millais and Delacroix, with the paintings hanging in their original locations for the first time since 1896. An exciting programme of exhibitions and events has been planned to

bring the spectacular house to life now it is open once again.

Leighton House Museum
12 Holland Park Road,
London W14 8LZ

Telephone: 020 7602 3316
Email: museums@rbkc.gov.uk
www.rbkc.gov.uk/LeightonHouseMuseum

10am to 5.30pm daily except Tuesday. Adults £5,
Concessions £1 (free repeat entry within one year).



Were you born between 1950 and 1955?



A change in legislation means that from 6 April 2010 the age at which older people become eligible for free travel will be later than their 60th birthday.

Current Freedom Pass holders and holders of the disabled person's Freedom Pass are not affected by this change.

If your 60th birthday falls between 6 April 2010 and 5 April 2015, please check www.freedompass.org to find out when you become eligible for free travel. Alternatively, pick up an application form available at most Post Offices® from 6 April. You can apply up to 14 days ahead of your eligible date.

If your 60th birthday is on or after 6 April 2015 you will become eligible on your 65th birthday.

Freedom Pass provides free travel on most public transport within the London area and may be used on local bus services in the rest of England. The Freedom Pass is paid for by your local council and the Government, and issued to eligible older and disabled London residents.

www.freedompass.org
Information line: 020 7934 9922



Win show tickets

The First World War is the backdrop for *War Horse*, Michael Morpurgo's tale of bravery, loyalty, and the extraordinary bond between a young recruit and his horse. Actors working with life-sized puppets made by the internationally-renowned Handspring Puppet Company take audiences on an unforgettable journey through history.

To be in with a chance of winning a pair of tickets to the show at the New London Theatre, answer the following question: *Which author wrote the novel on which War Horse is based?*

Send your entry for the attention of the editor via:

Email: Pressbox@rbkc.gov.uk or

Post: Royal Borough, Media and Communications Team, Town Hall, Hornton Street, London, W8 7NX.

- Make sure you include your answer, name, address and a contact telephone number.

- The competition closing date is 1 June 2010.

- The winner will be contacted after the draw has taken place and also announced in the June edition.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Tickets valid for Monday and Tuesday evening performances until 30 June 2010. Subject to availability. Promoter reserves the right to substitute prize for that of an equal or greater value if necessary.

Entries must reach the newspaper by Tuesday 1 June 2010. A winner will be drawn from the correct entries. Entries will not be returned. The editor's decision is final and no individual correspondence can be entered into. Entry is restricted to residents of the borough but excludes staff and their families employed by the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea. Entry to the competition is subject to these terms and conditions.



To book, please call the National Theatre Box Office on **020 7452 3000** (No booking fee) or visit www.warhorselondon.com

TRIBUTE

Antony Carr-Gomm, who served as a Councillor for Abingdon Ward for 11 years, from October 1975 until May 1986, has died.

Born in 1918, former Royal Engineers officer Antony Carr-Gomm was co-author of *The Military on English Waterways*, an account of the way the canal network was used to move British troops.

As a Councillor, he served on the Libraries and General Service Committee, the Joint Works Committee and the Social Services and Town Planning Committees. He represented the Council on a range of outside organisations and was for many years a familiar face at St. Mary Abbots Church, where he served as a sidesman.

The Mayor of the Royal Borough, Cllr Timothy Coleridge, attended a memorial service at St. Mary Abbots Church on Tuesday 23 February and conveyed the Council's condolences to his wife Jean and his family.

Skillful conversion

Basements used for decades as storage and for housing mechanical plant have been restored to residential use, thanks to the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea.

The redevelopment at Elm Park Gardens in the heart of Chelsea has provided 36 high quality new homes, 23 for sale and 13 for affordable rent.

The properties fell into disrepair during the war years and were compulsorily purchased by Chelsea Borough Council in 1949, by which time the basements were already vacant. Over time they came to house communal heating systems, ducting, electricity units and other equipment. Some parts were also used by tenants for storage.

The homes for sale comprise three studios, 16 one-bedroom flats, two two-bedroom flats and two three-bedroom flats. Not only will the proceeds of their sale fund the social housing element of the scheme, the flats themselves will help meet the strong demand for homes in Chelsea.



Before and after



ESCAPE TO THE SEASIDE

The Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea is again offering older residents the opportunity to escape the disruption caused by Carnival and instead enjoy a weekend at the seaside from Saturday 28 August until Tuesday 31 August 2010.

Any older person who lives directly on the Carnival route and whose health is affected by the Carnival is able to apply for a place on the trip to Folkestone. Spaces are limited so all applications will be assessed. Call **020 7361 3175** to make an initial telephone application. The closing date is Friday 11 June 2010.



Could you foster?

- We are looking for foster carers for children of all ages and backgrounds.
- You need childcare experience, patience and space in your home and your life.
- We provide training, 24 hour support and up to £450 per week allowance.

Come to our open evening to find out more:

Date: **Thursday 20 May 2010**

Venue: **Isaac Newton Centre,
108A Lancaster Road,
London W11 1QS**
(Nearest tube Ladbroke Grove)

Times: **6 to 8pm**

Freephone **0800 1832400**
Visit www.rbkc.gov.uk/fosterus



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The Scout Association Registered Charity Numbers 306101 (England and Wales) and 5038437 (Scotland).

CHAIN REACTION

Expect more cyclists on London's roads from 30 July when the Mayor of London launches his London Cycle Hire scheme.

The Royal Borough is playing its part in making sure that the bicycles will be widely available and has given planning consent to 48 cycle hire docking stations in the borough.

Work to install the docking stations is now well underway and the foundations, which take about ten days to lay, have been completed at many of the sites. Serco, the company responsible for installing the docking stations, will be writing to residents who live close to the remaining sites before they begin work on the final docking stations.

The next phase of the construction will be the installation of the docking points and payment terminals and this will be done shortly before the scheme launches in July.

From early June, cycle training will be available to all those that live, work and study in the borough, using the London Cycle Hire bicycles. To book a training session, please email the borough's Road Safety and Travel Plan team on road.safety@rbkc.gov.uk.

TfL will set up a dedicated Cycle Hire website a few weeks before the launch so users will be able to find out more about how everything will work and how to register to use the bikes. Transport for London will

also be launching a number of road shows across the scheme area over the coming months. The first road show event in the Royal Borough will be on Saturday, 5 June 2010 (11am to 5pm) at Holland Park, as part of the Council's Environment Day. To find out more information, register your interest in the scheme now and receive updates, please visit www.tfl.gov.uk/cyclehire.

To find a docking station near you, please visit www.rbkc.gov.uk/cyclehire.



Stay safe on two wheels

For many young people a scooter is the first vehicle they will use on the roads, but while they can open up opportunities for work, study and leisure, they can also be dangerous in untrained hands.

For the past two years the Council, in partnership with the Connexions service, has been offering youth organisations the chance to help young people be safer and more skilled when they take to the streets on a powered two wheeler.

The Transit Project enables youth groups to attend a short series of road safety workshops and a day of practical training designed to help youngsters become safe and properly-trained riders.

Amongst those who attended recently were the project's first all-girl group, from Lancaster and Earl's Court Youth Centres, and youngsters from the Moroccan Community Welfare Group who made up the first group in which every participant successfully passed the Compulsory Basic Training (CBT) element of the course.

There is more information available on the Transit Project at the Council's youth centres. Residents who require additional motorcycle training can sign up to the Council's free *Bikesafe* and *Scootersafe* sessions by emailing road.safety@rbkc.gov.uk or ringing 020 7361 3628.

Closing advice

Although closing the doors at night is still the best way to contain a blaze, changes to building regulations mean self-closing devices no longer have to be fitted to certain fire-resisting doors in new buildings.

The change only affects houses and flats built since 2006. Entrance doors to flats and integral garages still have to have a self-closing device.

Keep safe at night by closing doors to rooms that contain a potential fire risk and fitting smoke detectors to halls and stairways.

Anyone who would like to remove the closers from existing doors or who needs further advice should ring 020 7361 3838 or email building.control@rbkc.gov.uk



A LIFE-SAVING VISIT

The value of fire safety visits carried out by firefighters across London was brought home in January when a blaze broke out in the bedroom of a Kensington tower block resident.

Mrs Sandra Diment, who is hard of hearing and lives on the sixth floor, escaped injury thanks to advice provided at one of the thousands of home fire safety visits carried out each year.

During these visits, firefighters look for potential fire hazards and advise people about how to reduce or prevent the risk of fire. They also explain the importance of having an escape plan to use in an emergency. Where appropriate, firefighters will fit free smoke alarms.

John Calvert, Station Manager at Chelsea Fire Station, explained that when they visited the home where Mrs Diment lives with her daughter, the firefighters noticed she was hard of hearing.

"Because of that they fitted a

specialist smoke alarm that is especially designed for the deaf and hard of hearing. These are much louder than standard alarms and can be wired up to a vibrating pad in the person's pillow. We also gave her some important fire safety advice."

During the early hours of January this year a serious fire broke out in the bedroom of her flat. The smoke alarm alerted Mrs Diment and her daughter to the fire and they followed the advice they had been given to close the bedroom door and leave the flat.

Four fire engines and around 20 firefighters tackled the blaze, and while her daughter received treatment for slight smoke inhalation, Mrs Diment was not injured.

Although her bedroom was damaged, Mrs Diment is very aware that it could have been far worse without the special smoke alarm.

For further information on home fire safety visits see www.london-fire.gov.uk



Annual Forum Have your say on housing

Wednesday 30 June 2010

Time: 6.30pm to 8pm

Place: Small Hall, Kensington Town Hall

Held by the Borough Community Relations Advisory Group, the Annual Forum is your chance to find out more about local services and help influence decisions in Kensington and Chelsea.

The topic for discussion at this year's forum will be housing including the points allocation system. The event provides a chance for you to hear more about housing services in the borough and to ask questions on relevant issues to key decision makers and senior officers.

To attend this free event, please contact the Council's Community Engagement Team on 020 7598 4633, or email communityengagement@rbkc.gov.uk



THE ROYAL BOROUGH OF
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Tackling crime

DON'T LOSE IT – LOCK IT

Love it? Then lock it. That's the message from the Council and police this summer as they remind residents to protect their homes and vehicles.

Posters and adverts highlighting the *Love it Lock it* campaign will urge residents across the borough to lock all windows and doors, especially if they are going on holiday, and keep their vehicles secure.

Targeting residential burglary is a priority – and one where joint work by the Council and the police is already making a difference. Between April 2009 and April 2010 there were 921 offences – 89 fewer than in 2008-09, representing a fall of 8.8 per cent.

The Council's Community Safety Team scheme Safe as Houses aims to reduce burglary and protect the homes of vulnerable residents by providing security works and preventative measures in what is known as 'target hardening'.

Here are some simple steps you can take to protect your home and car and make the most of the summer.

Home security

Don't leave windows open and doors unlocked when you are in your garden enjoying the hot weather.

Don't leave valuable items such as laptops, smartphones and music/video players next to open windows or in view of passers-by.

If you are out of the house all day, or you are going away, try to make it look as if someone is at home and don't advertise your absence.

Use timer switches to turn on lights, radios and other appliances while you are away.

If possible ask a friend or neighbour to collect your post, open and close your curtains, park in your drive and make your home look lived in.

Remember to cancel milk and newspapers.

Protect your vehicle

Always keep your vehicle locked.

Don't leave items on display in your vehicle and take all your belongings with you when you leave the car.

Remove portable satnav devices when the vehicle is parked and remove any sign that they have been used.

Don't leave keys on view at home or in the vehicle.

Consider fitting anti-theft or after-theft security systems and fit locking wheel nuts.

Always use your garage if you have one and lock both your vehicle and your garage. If you don't have a garage, try to park in a well-lit, open place.

Use a secure motorcycle or scooter cover to reduce the temptation to steal your vehicle. If you have a parking permit for your two-wheeler, use the ground anchors provided at the designated parking bays located across the borough.

For further advice on keeping safe and secure, contact the Community Safety Team on 020 7795 6660 or email commsafe@rbkc.gov.uk

**LOVE IT
LOCK IT**



➤ Councillor Pat Mason taking part in role playing at Canalside House

Beware the scammers

Elderly residents have been encouraged to watch out for bogus callers and scammers through a series of road shows and role-playing scenarios.

Chelsea, in partnership with the Council's Community Safety Team, Trading Standards, the Safer Neighbourhoods Team, Age UK and the Home Office.

The *Safe and Sure Road Shows for Older People* programme was aimed at making older people, particularly those living alone, more aware of scams and bogus callers as well as building their confidence to take action and avoid becoming a victim. The message "If it is too good to be true, then it probably is" was used to remind them to act cautiously.

The free event featured video footage, advice and role-playing scenarios brought to life by Cllr Pat Mason and Ivanhoe Norona.

Cllr Mason, who represents Golborne ward, said: "Elderly residents can often find themselves being targeted by bogus sales people, fake lottery letters and telephone scams.

A special *Action against burglary* road show that travelled across the borough throughout February and March was organised by Age Concern Kensington and

"The road shows demonstrated how older residents can get wise to the scams and avoid being conned by unscrupulous con artists."



Youngsters will be getting on their bikes to take part in a cycle competition organised by the Royal Borough's Parks Police and the Council.

On Saturday 29 May, from noon to 3pm, youngsters aged from eight to 14 will be using pedal power to take part in a variety of cycling activities, including obstacle and circuit racing, at Little Wormwood Scrubs.

The event is being sponsored by the British Cycling Association's *Go-Ride* scheme which aims to improve competitive cycling for eight to 14 year olds as well as discovering and supporting future cycling champions.

Winners will receive medals and the chance to represent the Royal Borough in the forthcoming London Youth Games.

Youngsters keen to take part will need to get a parent or guardian to complete an application form before the event. For a form or more information ring the Parks Police on 020 7938 8190.

ACTION CONTINUES

The police and Kensington and Chelsea Council are continuing to tackle aggressive begging in south Kensington after being granted a new Group Dispersal Order for a further six months.

The new order follows the success of the Group Dispersal Zone introduced in Brompton ward in April 2009.

The powers are designed to tackle problems caused by aggressive begging and antisocial behaviour and have so far been used by the police to move 214 people on from the area for 24 hours. To date, two people have been arrested for breaching the dispersal regulations.

Police officers have worked with the Council to gain six ASBOs (Antisocial Behaviour Orders) against some prolific offenders.

The police led the application for the dispersal zone with the Council's support in response to complaints from residents and businesses.

Anyone breaking the rules of the dispersal zone can be arrested and face three months imprisonment and a fine of up to £2,000.

Sector Inspector for Chelsea, Sean Flynn, said: "There has been a noticeable decrease in the numbers of beggars on the Brompton ward. The numerous dispersals, stops and arrests coupled with the impact of ASBOs have shown that begging will not be tolerated.

"The dispersal powers have made a visible difference in combating this problem."



Safe ride for passengers

A dedicated team has been set up to tackle transport crime in the borough as part of the Mayor of London's pledge to tackle antisocial behaviour on public transport.

In April, the team of 21 police community support officers (PCSOs), six constables and three sergeants started working on buses throughout Kensington and Chelsea to help reduce bus-related crime and antisocial behaviour and help passengers feel safer.

The Safer Transport Team is also responsible for dealing with road congestion, tackling road safety issues such as dangerous cycling and preventing illegal taxi touting, as well as supporting the borough's 18 Safer Neighbourhoods Teams.

Inspector Graham Sutherland, who is heading up the new team, said: "I am responsible for leading a team of dedicated officers whose sole role is to provide a safe transport system for passengers and staff in the borough. The team is highly visible and the officers will provide greater reassurance for passengers and build confidence in what is already a very safe transport system."

Recognising those who help

Each year the Mayor of Kensington and Chelsea recognises local people who have made a difference within their communities. These are residents or people who work in the borough who have been nominated by members of the public for their work and commitment to making life in Kensington and Chelsea even better.

At this year's presentation evening in March, eight residents received a Mayor's Award. *Royal Borough* spoke to one of them, Miss Frankie Strinati, who received a Mayor's Award in recognition of her work at Tamezin Club, a youth club for girls aged six to 25 in Chelsea.

During term time, Frankie spends every Saturday at *Tamezin*, working as a youth leader and training new volunteers to work with young people.

How long have you been part of Tamezin?

Almost 14 years; I became part of the team when I was 18 and have been there ever since. I know it's a long time but I just love working with the girls. It's fun and really rewarding. I wouldn't do it if I didn't enjoy it.

What do you do there?

I get involved in everything. There's sport, dance and drama and I also act as a mentor in one-to-one sessions. We also do lots of group activities and encourage the girls to volunteer too.

It's mostly about having fun, but some girls struggle with low self-esteem or other problems and we're well equipped to give emotional support too. We encourage them to stretch themselves and take a risk; seeing someone go from having almost no confidence to performing in front of 100 people is really inspiring. I learn a lot from them, too.

So it's a real community spirit?

Of course! I've been there so long that I'm now working with the children of people I worked with years ago. I stay in touch with many of them, so for me *Tamezin* is a bit like an extended family. I get to reminisce with so many people about the experience of growing up in London. I'm told I have a youthful spirit so I guess people feel like I'm doing a good job.

How do you feel about your award?

I was so surprised when I found out, but when I read what people had said in my nomination I was very moved. As I said, I do this because I love it, but to realise that I have made such a difference is really special. Thank you to the Mayor of Kensington and Chelsea for organising the event – it was great to find out about the work being done all over the borough.

For more information about *Tamezin* visit www.tamezinclub.org.uk

If you are interested in volunteering in Kensington and Chelsea there are lots of ways to get involved. You can find out more from the Council's *It Takes All of Us* campaign pages at www.rbkc.gov.uk/allofus



ALL OF US AND YOU?

Residents looking for a taste of what volunteering is about can take part in the Mayor's Community Challenge on Saturday 22 May.

The challenge is a new event that aims to bring residents together to spend an afternoon making a difference in Kensington and Chelsea. From pond dredging to painting and decorating or spending time with the elderly, everyone is invited to get involved.

To find out more please visit www.rbkc.gov.uk/mayorscommunitychallenge



Mark Brown serves a customer in EJ Barnes

Supporting our shops

More than 4,000 people have shown support for local shops by registering their *Wedge* retail loyalty cards since the scheme was launched in March.

Residents who register their cards can receive alerts about the special offers available at their neighbourhood shops.

At EJ Barnes Cycles, Westbourne Grove, retail assistant Mark Brown praised the *Wedge* Card scheme for the way it supports independent stores: "It is great for small businesses like us and we love being part of it," he said. The bike shop, founded in 1951, is offering *Wedge* Card holders a free helmet and cycle lock with every bike costing more than £250.

In Portobello Market, at Vito's Olive and Vinegar stall, resident Catio Forte said: "I love finding out about the different *Wedge* offers in shops and it saves me money, too".

The Council has supported the scheme with £198,000 to allow *Wedge* – the brainchild of *Big Issue* founder John Bird and

his daughter Diana – to provide a free card to residents and workers.

Since the launch in Kensington and Chelsea some 100,000 cards, which normally cost £10, have been distributed for free.

Council Leader Cllr Merrick Cockell said: "Our small shops are a very important part of the character of the borough. Like all businesses they will be finding the going pretty tough right now and we are determined to do what we can to help them. I hope that as many people as possible use their *Wedge* Card to take advantage of the discounts on offer and boost our local economy."

Director and co-founder Diana Bird said the Royal Borough had "so many unique and varied independent shops," adding: "It is fantastic to be able to work with them and help bring people through their doors. We want to get the local streets buzzing and make sure that the greengrocer on the corner and the original little clothes stores can prosper for many years to come."

MOVING FORWARD

Eight hyper-acute specialist stroke units and four specialist trauma units have been created in London as part of a major change in the way the NHS delivers healthcare.

A specialist paediatric surgery for North West London is now based at the Chelsea and Westminster Hospital, and more changes are planned as the NHS moves away from costly acute hospitals by providing centres in the primary sector instead.

"We all know that some accident and emergency units can be overwhelmed with long waiting times," commented the Royal Borough's scrutiny chairman Cllr Christopher Buckmaster.

"Many patients could be better off going to a local GP's surgery, backed up by appropriate diagnostic facilities, rather than clogging up expensive hospital provision.

"The plans are for up to 60 per cent of unplanned treatment and up to 30 per cent of outpatient activity to move from hospitals



into the community. As well as delivering valuable cost savings, this will mean providing healthcare closer to patients' homes, shorter waiting times and more facilities available in primary care centres."

The new Community hospital at St Charles will provide not just GPs, dentists and a pharmacy but a wide range of diagnostic facilities previously only available from acute hospitals.

The new Earl's Court centre will be opening shortly and will be linked to neighbouring doctors and offer a wide range of services, while a new Urgent Care Centre planned for the Chelsea and Westminster hospital will provide similar facilities.

All a-twitter

Residents can keep up to date with Kensington and Chelsea Council by following its activities on Twitter, the micro-blogging social media site.

Twitter is being used to advertise jobs, news headlines, volunteering opportunities and events as well as publishing other key information such as the closure of Albert Bridge for 18 months for essential renovation work.



Anyone can sign up and view the short alerts (called Tweets) on their computers or get them sent free to their mobile phones.

Follow the Council by going to www.twitter.com/rbkc

Health



Pledge to help yourself

Residents aged 40 to 74 are being encouraged to "Use your NHS well" by taking advantage of a free NHS health check.

Some of the biggest killers in the UK are preventable conditions such as heart disease, stroke, diabetes and kidney disease. NHS Kensington and Chelsea wants to change this by providing free checks to residents right across the Royal Borough.

An NHS health check helps by assessing a patient's individual risk areas and then advising them on how to reduce those risks.

Health checks are available at a range of locations, including selected GP surgeries and community pharmacies. The PCT is also working with local service providers to offer services at a range of community centres.

A roving mobile health check bus will be visiting the following sites between now and July:

- Holland Park
- Dalgarno Estate
- World's End Estate
- Chelsea Theatre

To book your free NHS health check call now on: **0800 2321531** (or **0330 1239128** from a mobile) or visit www.kc-pct.nhs.uk/healthchecks for more information.

NEW SYSTEM WILL LEAD TO MORE EFFICIENT CARE

Patients in The Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea can expect more efficient health care services with the introduction of NHS summary care records.

A summary care record is a secure electronic way of recording patients' key information such as allergy details, current prescriptions and bad reactions to medicines. The information can be shared between health care staff so that vital information about the patient is at hand during treatment or in a medical emergency.

All residents aged 16 and over who are registered with GP practices

will receive information about how summary care records work and will be given the option of not having one.

A summary care record is only accessible by staff directly involved in a patient's treatment. Details about patients who choose not to be part of the scheme will be recorded as before.

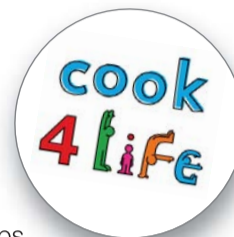
For more information about summary care records, contact the dedicated NHS Care Records Service information line on **0845 603 8510** or visit the website at www.nhs.uk/summary

**Summary
Care
Records**

WHAT'S COOKING?

There's something interesting cooking in the Royal Borough. Residents are being invited to join a *Cook and Taste Programme* that aims to make them more confident about cooking meals from scratch, learning healthier ways to cook and finding out how to eat more fruit and vegetables without breaking the bank.

The six-week *Cook and Taste Programme* also brings residents together so that they can share ideas, prepare meals together and enjoy the food at the end of each session.



Each week covers a new food group and includes tips on nutrition. All materials and cooking ingredients are provided and it is free of charge. For more information or to sign up for a programme contact Tola Kolawole on **020 7313 3059** or email Tola.Kolawole@kc-pct.nhs.uk



Help us to help you

NHS Kensington and Chelsea's *Use your NHS well* campaign encourages residents to take more responsibility for their health and make the best use of the NHS services available to them.

To back it up, a new health charter sets out the rights and responsibilities of residents and outlines a number of key initiatives:

You have the right to:

- be treated with dignity and respect
- a choice of doctors, dentists and hospitals
- advice on your healthcare choices
- an NHS service that promotes health and wellbeing as well as treating illness
- access information regarding everything from your medical records to information about the performance and decisions of the NHS

In return, you should:

- keep appointments or cancel within a reasonable time
- make healthier lifestyle choices
- provide positive and negative feedback
- agree what medicines you need and take them, following your pharmacist's advice
- take advantage of health services that protect and improve your health

Key initiatives include NHS health checks for 40 to 74 year olds, online registration for local NHS dental services, the *Stop Smoking Service* (ring **0800 085 9147** or email stop.smoking@kc-pct.nhs.uk) and extended GP opening hours.

For further information visit www.kc-pct.nhs.uk or phone the Patient Advice and Liaison Service on: **020 8962 4547** (email pals@kc-pct.nhs.uk)



Young people who love to dance are being invited to take part in the national *Dance Challenge™* competition in Kensington and Chelsea's Cadogan Hall this June.

From beginners to experienced dancers across all styles, anyone from five to 26 years-old can take part by forming a group of between five and 25 dancers and performing a three to four minute routine.

The first round will be held on 28 June 2010 and the finals are planned for 3 July 2010. Visit www.dancechallenge.co.uk for more information.

OPEN WIDE FOR LONGER

Going to the dentist has changed dramatically over the past year – and NHS Kensington and Chelsea wants you to find out how.

The PCT has launched its *Bigger Smiles* dental registration campaign to encourage people not just to find a dentist, but to choose the one that is most suitable for their needs.

Residents in the Royal Borough can choose which services are important to them from a range of improvements that have taken place over the past year. They include:

- Child-friendly dental practices
- Relaxation techniques
- Better highlighted interpretation and translation services
- Extended and flexible opening hours
- The possibility of choosing a same sex dentist
- Advice during fasting and Ramadan
- Quality assurance – over 90 per cent of local dentists have joined the British Dental Association's Good Practice Scheme

Residents can register by:

- 1 Completing and returning a pre-paid postal registration form
- 2 Registering online at www.biggersmiles.org
- 3 Calling PALS on: **020 8962 4547**.

For more information contact PALS.



GARDEN WASTE

Residents who belong to the Council's garden waste scheme should by now have received their new calendar listing collection dates through to March 2011.

The free garden waste scheme operates all year round and provides a collection once every two weeks. Please place your garden waste out for collection on the day shown in your calendar.

Anyone who signs up to the service will receive a hard-wearing garden waste bag in which to store their garden waste. Extra bags are available at £2 each and residents can also buy biodegradable garden waste bags at £7.50 for 25. Please note that garden waste will only be collected in the

garden waste bag or the biodegradable bags – not in any other container.

Residents can dispose of leaves, grass cuttings, weeds, flowers, old garden or house plants, twigs and hedge trimmings. Please make sure your garden waste bag(s) are visible from the kerb and can easily be spotted by a collector walking or driving past.

Emptied garden waste bags will be returned to your property but biodegradable bags will not be returned as they are composted with the waste inside them. For further information about the service, or to register, contact Streetline on **020 7361 3001** or email streetline@rbkc.gov.uk

GO GREEN – SAVE CASH

Businesses can enhance their green credentials by taking advantage of the recycling service offered by the Council.

Kensington and Chelsea Council can provide an office recycling box designed specifically to give businesses a simple way of sorting recycling from general waste.

The recycling box is designed to be used with orange recycling bags; simply place one of the bags into the box so that staff can recycle paper, cardboard, tins, cans, glass bottles and jars, plastic bottles, food and drink cartons and empty aerosols in the one place.

When the bag is full, simply lift it out of the box and take it to your nearest outdoor recycling bank. The office recycling box does away with the need for segregated recycling containers around the office and offers a tidier solution to recycling at work.

It makes sense for businesses to recycle as it costs less to send a bag of recyclable materials to be recycled than it does to send a bag of rubbish to landfill. It is estimated that a business that chooses to recycle can save as much as £500 per year.

To find out more about the Council's recycling service for businesses telephone Commercial Waste on **020 7341 5106** or email commercial.waste@rbkc.gov.uk



Cheaper pest control

Do you run a business in Kensington and Chelsea?

The Royal Borough's Environmental Health Service is launching a new pest audit service to help businesses keep their premises pest-free without the need for expensive pest control contracts.

Many businesses are paying, year after year, for pest control services they may not necessarily need.

The new pest audit service will, for a reasonable charge, survey your business premises for pests such as mice, rats, bedbugs and cockroaches and the conditions in which infestations could occur.

If you do have a problem, the Council's pest control officers can deal with it for you quickly and at a competitive rate. If we find you don't have any infestation, we will give you advice on any necessary housekeeping or other work that you may need to do to remain pest free; all you have

to pay for is the cost of the survey.

The service costs from just £199 for a small shop, office or home increasing with the size of the premises. Each survey includes a comprehensive report on the situation at the time the survey was carried out, as well as advice on how to prevent pests from finding their way into the site.

Those who use the service also qualify for a free place on one of the Council's pest awareness training courses.

Find out more about this innovative new service at www.rbkc.gov.uk or by calling **020 7361 3002**.



TOO BIG FOR THE BIN?

Residents with items that are too big or bulky for a normal refuse bag or bin can now use the Council's online *Too Big for the Bin* service.

The *Too Big for the Bin* service will collect up to ten items, from domestic properties only, for just £23.30. The service is ideal for things like old furniture, mattresses, bed frames and cookers. Fridges and freezers are collected free of charge in all cases.

To book a collection please log onto www.rbkc.gov.uk to choose a slot and pay by debit or credit card. Alternatively, call Streetline on **020 7361 3001** with your credit or debit card details to hand.

Please allow seven days from the date of your booking and note that the *Too Big for the Bin* crew will not collect garden waste, car parts or builders' waste.

The Council recommends that residents try to reuse or repair old items or donate them to charity before using this service.

Working together to recycle

The council has provided more than 600 mixed recycling banks to give residents on estates or in mansion blocks somewhere to take their recyclable items.

It means that those living in estates around the borough should have easy access to facilities for recycling paper, cardboard, tins, cans, glass bottles and jars, plastic bottles, food and drink cartons and empty aerosols.

Residents are asked to wash out anything that has contained food or drink, and crush cardboard. Recycling can be placed loose into a mixed recycling bank and there is no need to use orange recycling bags. The

orange lids on mixed recycling banks are kept locked in order to prevent contamination.

Although these mixed recycling banks are emptied once a week, they can get full quite quickly and the Council asks residents not to leave bags of recycling (or rubbish) around, or on top of, them.

Leaving bags of recycling and/or rubbish around the banks is unsightly, can attract vermin and can encourage other people to dump even more rubbish which can lead to an eyesore for local residents.

If your nearest recycling bank gets full quickly, please call Streetline on **020 7361 3001** to let the Council know. The Recycling Team can then increase the amount of banks

available to give residents proper access to the recycling service.

Residents who find their mixed recycling bank is full should try to use the next nearest bank or visit the nearest mini recycling centre. For a list of mini recycling centres see www.rbkc.gov.uk or telephone Streetline on **020 7361 3001**.



Scoop or you'll face £80 fine

Dog owners are being reminded to scoop their dog's poop or face a fine.

New signs are going up across the borough to inform residents that once they've scooped up their dog's poop they should place it in a bin. Residents should not leave bags of dog mess on the road,

beside trees, lamp-posts or any other place on the public highway for street sweepers to clear up.

Getting it wrong could leave your bank balance in a mess, with anyone who fails to pick up their dog's poop or dispose of it in a bin facing an on-the-spot fine of £80.

Events diary

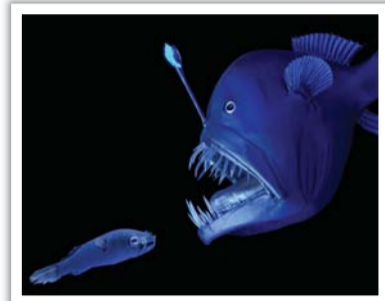
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Events Diary

FROM MAY 2010

NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM

Cromwell Road, SW7 5BD
Telephone: **020 7942 5000**
Nearest Tube: South Kensington
www.nhm.ac.uk



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THE DEEP

28 May to 5 September, 10am to 5.30pm daily (last admission 5pm). Waterhouse Gallery.

Plunge into the abyss to discover extraordinary creatures and biodiversity. Discover the history of deep sea exploration and technology and learn how the museum's scientists are helping to preserve this important ecosystem. The exhibition combines deep sea science, astonishing imagery, specimens and interactive installations.

Admission: Adult £8, child £4.50, adult senior £4.50 and family £22. Booking required.

BLOOD, SWEAT AND BOTANY

29 May 2010, 12.30pm and 2.30pm. Attenborough Studio.

Museum scientists travel to far-flung corners of the planet so that they can better understand the natural world around us. Discover what it's like to live and work in the forests of Central America and hear a firsthand account of some of the dangers and delights of life in the field.

Free admission.

TERROR FROM THE SKY

6 June 2010, 12.30pm to 1pm and 2.30pm to 3pm. Attenborough Studio.

Take a look at some truly awesome eagles from around the world, from the jungles of South America to the frozen wastes of Siberia, and encounter the ultimate aerial predator – an eagle so large it could have hunted humans.

Free admission.

SLOANE HERBARIUM TOUR

16 June 2010, 2.30pm to 3.30pm. Cocoon.

Go behind the scenes to visit Sloane's beautiful Herbarium of dried botanical specimens – the oldest in the Natural History Museum's botany collection. The tour will be led by Dr Robert Huxley.

Free admission but places are limited. To book call **020 7942 5725**.

KENSINGTON CENTRAL LIBRARY

Phillimore Walk, W8 7RX
Telephone: **020 7361 3010**
Nearest Tube: High St Kensington
www.rbkc.gov.uk/libraries

COURTIERS: THE SECRET HISTORY OF KENSINGTON PALACE

20 May, 6.30pm to 8pm.

Dr Lucy Worsley, Chief Curator at Historic Royal Palaces, will talk about her latest book, *Courtiers: The Secret History of Kensington Palace*. It is an eye-opening portrait of an enthralling group of royal servants that throws new light on the dramatic lives of George II and Queen Caroline: a lover murdered, babies snatched, horrific illness and tearful deathbed reconciliations.

Tickets free from any Kensington and Chelsea Library.

PHOENIX: THE FALL AND RISE OF RESTORATION LONDON

10 June 2010, 7pm to 8.30pm.

Adrian Tinniswood and Leo Hollis will discuss the Great Fire, Sir Christopher Wren and the rebuilding of the capital in this fascinating window on the 17th century. Adrian Tinniswood is a historian and author of more than 12 books on architectural and social history and Leo Hollis is a historian and author of *The Phoenix: the Men Who Made Modern London*.

Tickets free from any Kensington and Chelsea Library.

NORTH KENSINGTON LIBRARY

108 Ladbroke Grove, W11 1PZ
Telephone: **020 7361 3010**
Nearest Tube: Ladbroke Grove
www.rbkc.gov.uk/libraries

AN INTRODUCTION TO TRAVEL WRITING

16 June 2010, 6.30pm to 8pm.

Fran Sandham is a former Rough Guides editor and author of *Traversa: A solo walk across Africa*, an account of his epic 3,000 mile solo walk across Africa from the Skeleton Coast to the Indian Ocean. He will be discussing ideas and inspiration, techniques and skills and how to find a market for travel writing.

Tickets free from any Kensington and Chelsea Library.

LEIGHTON HOUSE MUSEUM

12 Holland Park Road, W14 8LZ
Telephone: **020 7602 3316**
Nearest Tube: High St Kensington or Kensington Olympia
www.rbkc.gov.uk/LeightonHouseMuseum/general/

MUSEUM REOPENED

Daily 10am to 5.30pm, closed Tuesdays and 19 and 20 May.

The former home and studio of leading Victorian artist Frederic, Lord Leighton (1830 to 1896) has reopened after extensive refurbishment.

Featuring a special exhibition of Leighton's own paintings and sculpture (until 12 July), including important loans from the National Gallery and Tate, the museum provides an unforgettable insight into Leighton's private world.

Admission: Adults £5, concession £1 (free return within one year).

NATIONAL ARMY MUSEUM

Royal Hospital Road, SW3 4HT
Telephone: **020 7730 0717**
Nearest Tube: Sloane Square
www.national-army-museum.ac.uk

SPIES AND SPECIAL AGENTS

29 May to 6 June 2010, daily 10am to 5.30pm.

Go undercover with the museum's Special Intelligence Unit and take part in top-secret gallery missions, hunt for clues, find evidence and learn about the vital role of espionage.

Free admission.

SANDSTORM

19 and 20 June 2010, daily 10am to 5.30pm.

If you have ever wanted to learn desert survival skills from ex-SAS soldiers, scramble up climbing walls or even meet a camel, report to the museum this Father's Day weekend and experience some of the unique challenges of soldiers surviving in desert terrain.

Free admission.

CHELSEA THEATRE

World's End Place
Kings Road, SW10 0DR
Telephone: **020 7352 1967**
Nearest Tube: Sloane Square
www.chelseatheatre.org.uk



THE BUG AND THE BUTTERFLY

21 to 26 June 2010, 10.30am and 1.30pm.

Inspired by the poems of Federico Garcia Lorca, *The Bug and the Butterfly* is a heart-warming story in miniature about love, friendship, reaching for the moon and dancing leaf to leaf.

For children seven and under and their families.

Tickets £7. Booking required.

CADOGAN HALL

Sloane Terrace, SW1X 9DQ
Telephone: **020 7730 4500**
Nearest Tube: Sloane Square
www.cadoganhall.com

BBC BIG BAND: AMERICAN BIG BAND CLASSICS

28 May 2010, 7.30pm.

An evening of American big band classics offers a nostalgic

tribute to some of the United States greatest jazz musicians, including Tommy Dorsey, Louis Armstrong, Count Basie and Duke Ellington.

Tickets: from £15. Booking required.

RISING STARS 2010

7, 14 and 21 June 2010, 7.30pm.

Be the first to hear some of the very best Royal College of Music soloists and chamber groups at this three-part concert series.

Tickets: £10, Concessions (Encore, RCM Friends, staff and students) free.

18 STAFFORD TERRACE

18 Stafford Terrace, W8 7BH
Telephone: **020 7602 3316**
Nearest Tube: High St Kensington
www.rbkc.gov.uk/museums

FASHIONABLY CURIOUS

Until 13 June 2010.
Guided tours: Wed 11.15am and 2.15pm, Sat and Sun 11.15am, 1pm, 2.15pm and 3.30pm.
Additional openings: 14 and 28 May and 4 June, 3pm to 5pm.

A contemporary fashion exhibition drawing on the curiosities of the Victorian era, fairytales and Sambourne's own illustrious career by students of Central Saint Martins.

Tickets: Adult £6, concessions £4, children £1. Booking required for tours.

THE ICE HOUSE

Holland Park, W8 6LU
Telephone: **020 7602 3316**
Nearest Tube: High St Kensington or Holland Park
www.rbkc.gov.uk/museums

A CHILD OF GOD

29 May to 13 June, daily 11am to 7pm (subject to Holland Park opening hours).

Monochrome drawings and oil paintings inspired by artist Sharon Yamamoto's recent trip to India will be on show in this new contemporary exhibition space in Holland Park.

Free admission.



HOLLAND PARK ECOLOGY CENTRE

The Stable Yard,
Ilchester Place, W8 6LU
Telephone: **020 7938 8186**
Nearest Tube: High St Kensington
or Holland Park
ecologycentre@rbkc.gov.uk

SPRING TREE WALK

22 May, 11am.

Learn how to identify species by their branches, leaves and bark. Led by local tree expert Alan Harrington, this fascinating walk is for adults with an interest in gardening, botany or natural history.

Free, but booking advisable.

HALF-TERM HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

1 June to 4 June, daily 10am to 12 noon and 2pm to 4pm.

Activities for children aged five to ten, featuring a mixture of outdoor activities in the wooded wildlife area and animal themed art and crafts sessions.

Admission £3.60 per session.
Booking essential.

ENVIRONMENT DAY

5 June, from 11am.

This celebration of environmental sustainability near the sports field and café will feature interesting exhibits and hands-on activities in the grounds of the park.

Free event.

ADULT MINIBEAST HUNT

23 June, 7pm.

A fun opportunity for adults to investigate and discover the amazing world of minibeasts (terrestrial invertebrates).

Free, but booking advisable.

CHELSEA PHYSIC GARDEN

Swan Walk, SW3 4JJ
Telephone: **020 7352 5646** ext 223
Nearest Tube: Sloane Square
www.chelseaphysicgarden.co.uk

CHOCOLATE TUESDAYS

1 June, 10.30am to 2.30pm.

Celebrate local hero Sir Hans Sloane, who brought the recipe for milk chocolate back from

Jamaica. Explore his travels to the Caribbean, writings, plants, music and art, as well as the history and science of chocolate. The day, for anyone seven and older, will include craft activities, planting and chocolate tasting.

Admission £5.50 per person.
Booking essential.

ART OF THE GARDEN

3 June, 10.30am to 12pm or 1pm to 2.30pm.

Children aged four to six can explore and create art and craft inspired by the garden and try printing, dyeing, painting, and model making.

Admission £5.50 per person.
Booking essential.

VICTORIA & ALBERT MUSEUM

Cromwell Road, SW7 2RL
Telephone: **020 7942 2000**
Nearest Tube: South Kensington
www.vam.ac.uk



Photograph by Erwin Blumenfeld New York, 1955. © The Estate of Erwin Blumenfeld 2009

GRACE KELLY: STYLE ICON

Until 26 September, daily 10am to 5.30pm (until 10pm Fridays).
Fashion, Room 40.

An exhibition showcasing the wardrobe of Grace Kelly, one of the most popular actresses of the 1950s. Featuring more than 50 outfits, together with hats, jewellery and the original Hermès Kelly bag, the display will examine Grace Kelly's Hollywood image and enduring appeal.

Tickets: Adults £6, concessions £4 when booked in person at the museum, under-12s, disabled people and two carers free. Family and group rates available. Timed tickets. Advance booking recommended.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF MUSIC

Prince Consort Road, SW7 2BS
Telephone: **020 7591 4793**
Nearest Tube: South Kensington
www.rcm.ac.uk

OPERA SCENES

21 May, 5.30pm. Britten Theatre.

Performers studying at the Royal College of Music's world-famous International Opera School perform fully-staged selections from favourite operas.

Free admission with tickets.

JD CHORAL CONCERT

12 June, 6pm. Amaryllis Fleming Concert Hall.

Featuring all five of the Junior Departments' choirs, this is one of the highlights of the music college's concert calendar, with both massed and individual performances.

Tickets £5. Booking essential.

ROYAL COURT THEATRE

Sloane Square, SW1W 8AS
Telephone: **020 7565 5000**
Nearest Tube: Sloane Square
www.royalcourttheatre.com

A NIGHT LESS ORDINARY

Until 23 June, daily 10am to 5.30pm (until 10pm Fridays).

Those aged 25 or under can get free theatre tickets thanks to a scheme by Arts Council England in association with Metro. The Royal Court has a limited number of tickets available for all productions in its Jerwood Theatre Downstairs. The free tickets are available for selected previews (excluding Monday £10 performances), all Friday and Saturday evenings and all matinees.

Visit **www.royalcourttheatre.com/students_under26_tickets.asp** or contact the Royal Court direct on **020 7565 5000**.

INSTITUT FRANÇAIS

17 Queensberry Place, SW7 2DT
Telephone: **020 7073 1350**
Nearest Tube: South Kensington
www.institut-francais.org.uk

CAFE PHILO

22 May (in French) and 29 May

Have your event featured here by sending the details, marked for the *Royal Borough* Editor, to **pressbox@rbkc.gov.uk**

Please make sure you include all the details shown in the listings below, such as times and admission charges.

(in English) from 10.30am to 12.15pm. Salons.

A chance to discuss philosophical questions in an informal setting. Discussion will centre on a particular topic; participants are free to chip in or sit back and listen, as they prefer.

Open to people of all ages and academic backgrounds.

Tickets £2. Online booking required.

SAATCHI GALLERY

King's Road, SW3 4SQ
Telephone: **020 7811 3070**
Nearest Tube: Sloane Square
www.saatchigallery.com

NEWSPEAK: BRITISH ART NOW, PART I

2 June to 17 October.

Featuring some of the most exciting contemporary artists to have emerged in the United Kingdom in the last few years, in the largest show held at the Saatchi Gallery since it moved to Chelsea.

Free admission.

GOLBORNE ROAD

www.golbornelife.co.uk

GOLBORNE ROAD FESTIVAL

20 June, 12pm to 6pm.

The second annual Golborne Road Festival will feature live music, street entertainers, international food, arts and crafts, a bouncy castle, and much more.

Free admission.

THE ROYAL HOSPITAL CHELSEA

Royal Hospital Road, SW3 4SR
Telephone: **020 7881 5200**
Nearest Tube: Sloane Square
www.chelsea-pensioners.org.uk

RHS CHELSEA FLOWER SHOW

25 to 28 May, 8am to 8pm and 29 May, 8am to 5.30pm.

The Chelsea Flower Show returns to the borough for its 88th year running.

Tickets: Public from £19, Royal Horticultural Society members

from £14, available online at **www.rhs.org.uk/chelseafflower** or by calling **0844 209 1810**.

OPERA HOLLAND PARK

Holland Park, W8 6LU
Telephone: **0845 230 9769**
Nearest Tube: High St Kensington
or Holland Park
www.operahollandpark.com
boxoffice@operahollandpark.com



Photo by Ingrid Rasmussen

Opera Holland Park begins its 2010 season in the beautiful surrounds of Holland Park in June. Contact the box office for more information.

PELLÉAS ET MÉLISANDE

1*, 3*, 9*, 11*, 16* June.
Tickets from £10.

CARMEN

2, 4*, 5, 7, 10, 12, 15, 17, 18*, 19 June. Tickets from £10.

* Concessions available.

RICHARD BONYNGE 80TH BIRTHDAY CHARITY GALA

June 13. Tickets from £35.

KENSINGTON AND CHELSEA COLLEGE

Hortensia Campus Gallery
Hortensia Road, SW10 0QS
Telephone: **020 7573 5223**
Nearest Tube: Fulham Broadway
www.kcc.ac.uk

MILLINERY AND FASHION EXHIBITION

7 June to 11 June, from 6.30pm.

A public exhibition by students of Kensington and Chelsea College's HNC Millinery course.

Free admission.

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Mayor's Awards 2010

The Mayor's Awards formally recognise those whose services make a real difference to the local community and who have added significantly to the quality of life for those around them.



Ms Frankie Strinati

For her service to the community in the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea and for her work with the Tamezin Club.



Mr David Le Lay

For his service to the community in the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea and for his work as Chairman of the Chelsea Society for 22 years.



Mr Jose Fernandez

For his service to the community in the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea and for his work as Chair of the Allom and Barlow Residents' Association.



Mr Keith Stirling

For his service to the community in the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea and for his work in the Golborne Ward.



Mr Kwesi Ackah

For his service to the community in the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea and for his work as a Trustee, member of the management committee and volunteer driver with Westway Community Transport.



Mr Ray Matthews

For his service to the community in the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea and for his dedication in keeping the streets of the Royal Borough clean and tidy over many years.



Mrs Roma Ashworth-Briggs

For her service to the community in the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea and for her work with the Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Families Association (SSAFA) Forces Help.



Mrs Lee Woolford-Chivers

For her service to the community in the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea and for her work with the Notting Hill Nursery Carnival.

Want to nominate someone for a Mayor's Award?

The people nominated do not have to live in the Royal Borough. It may be that they work here, come into the borough to do voluntary work, or have lived here in the past and are nominated for the contribution they made to borough life. Application forms for next year's Awards can be obtained from autumn 2010 onwards by calling the Mayor's Private Secretary on 020 7361 2431.

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