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About your North Ken News

North Ken News is a dedicated newsletter for North Kensington communities produced by Kensington and Chelsea Council.

Have you got news for us?

We are always on the lookout for good news stories, whether they are about an event you are running, a local hero who is working wonders in your community or a programme or course that local residents could benefit from.

If you would like to get in touch with an idea or story, please email northkennews@rbkc.gov.uk and we'll get back to you as soon as we can.

Tell us what you think

We're interested in hearing your feedback about North Ken News. We want to produce a newsletter which you enjoy reading and you find useful, so please let us know what you'd like to see more of. Email us at northkennews@rbkc.gov.uk

Staying in touch

There are other ways to keep up to date with borough-wide news as well as news and announcements from Kensington and Chelsea Council.

 [@RBKC](https://twitter.com/RBKC)

 www.facebook.com/royalborough

For updates on Grenfell

 [@GrenfellUpdates](https://twitter.com/GrenfellUpdates)

 www.rbkc.gov.uk/grenfell

If you would like to opt out of receiving North Ken News or would prefer to read it online, please let us know at northkennews@rbkc.gov.uk

North Ken News readers get 2-for-1 at Bramley's Big Adventure

Bramley's Big Adventure is offering North Kensington residents an exclusive 2-for-1 offer. To claim this offer, all you need to do is bring along this copy of North Ken News.

Bramley's Big Adventure is an indoor adventure playground for babies and children aged up to 11 years old. Hidden under the Westway at 136 Bramley Road, W10 6SS, the playground features three levels of playframes, slides, swings and ball ponds, giving youngsters hours of adventurous fun. As well as the main adventure playground, a separate under-fives and babies area ensures every child can join in the adventure.

Opening hours in term time are 10am to 6pm from Monday to Friday and 10am to 6.30pm on weekends. During holiday periods, the playground is open between 10am and 6.30pm Monday to Sunday.



Terms and conditions apply, call or email for more information:

 **020 8960 1515**

 **info@bramleysbigadventure.co.uk**

KCSummer starts now!

This year's summer is set to be the best one yet thanks to the new KCSummer website. On it you'll find hundreds of events taking place across the borough for kids of all ages and their families. Activities range from sporty fun to crafts and creativity, with all sorts in between. Finding something to do is a breeze with the handy search function that allows you to see the events that interest you, as well as filtering activities by date, age range and location.

The KCSummer programme of activities already boasts over 200 activities for you to browse and will continue to be updated throughout summer, so remember to keep checking back to find out about the latest events.



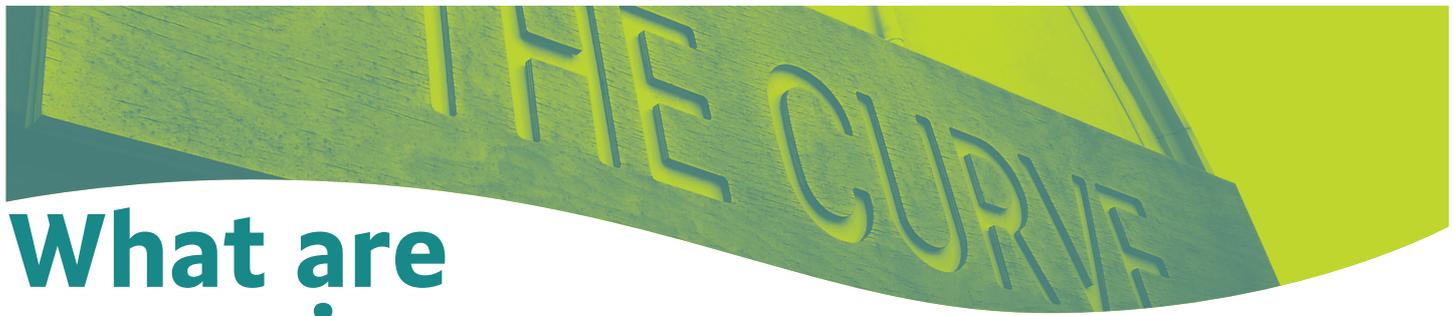
Have a look and take charge of your summer! www.rbkc.gov.uk/kcsummer

Environmental checks

Residents attended a community event on Saturday 20 July on the environmental checks programme. This is a two stage process and the laboratory analysis of Stage 1 by the independent specialist, AECOM, is now complete and the preliminary data available. This information will let us know if the soil has been contaminated by the Grenfell Tower fire and whether there are any health risks as a result.

At this point the level of substances found in samples are typical of those found generally in London and other urban areas and there is nothing to suggest any immediate action and changes to the investigation strategy or the health advice from Public Health England are needed. There is more work to be done to analyse the data and the full report on Stage 1 will be published online in September. Stage 2 will involve more detailed sampling and analysis leading to a report which will provide conclusions and recommendations. To read more, visit www.gov.uk/government/news/environmental-checks-around-grenfell-tower

If you have any questions about this process, you can email the environmental checks project team on environmental-checks@communities.gov.uk or call **0303 444 0078**.



What are your views on The Curve?

We are asking local residents to give us their views and experiences of using The Curve Community Centre, and to make suggestions on how services can best meet your needs in the future.

The Curve is open seven days a week and provides a safe, friendly space for families and individuals offering a range of support and services in a welcoming environment.

It is funded through the Grenfell Recovery Strategy budget which is dedicated to providing support and services to all communities affected by the Grenfell tragedy. It currently costs £1.5m per year to run The Curve.

We want to ensure that our services centre around what the community actually needs and wants, so we'd like residents to tell us if they want us to continue investing resources into The Curve or to consider using the budget in alternative ways.

The consultation will run until the autumn. You can complete an online survey on the Council's website or attend one of the community events to give your views.

Monday 5 August, 10am to 2pm, The Clement James Centre, 95 Sirdar Road W11 4EQ

Wednesday 7 August, 9.30am to 12.30pm, North Kensington Library, 108 Ladbrooke Grove, W11 1PZ

Monday 2 September, 2pm to 7pm, The Curve, 10 Bard Road, W10 6TP

You can find more information at www.rbkc.gov.uk/curve-survey where you can also complete the survey.

Feedback will be collated, published and made available for you to see. This will ensure that we understand your vision for The Curve's future.

Grenfell Tower Site

Following a commitment made by the Communities Secretary last year, the Government has now taken ownership of the Grenfell Tower site until its long-term future is determined by the community. You can contact the Ministry of Housing Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) team responsible for managing the site.

Memorial Commission

As part of MHCLG's work to establish the Grenfell Tower Memorial Commission, voting has now closed for the bereaved, survivor and Lancaster West estate residents' community representatives.

For further information about the Memorial Commission please visit www.grenfelltowermemorial.co.uk/

You can contact the Ministry of Housing Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) team responsible for managing the site by email and phone:

 GrenfellTowerSite@communities.gov.uk

 **020 7792 8700**

You can find out more by visiting www.gov.uk/grenfell-community-updates and for up to date information, download the Nextdoor app or visit www.nextdoor.co.uk and search for Grenfell Updates – HM Government.

Community spotlight Clive Phillip



Carnival virtuoso celebrated with Mayor's Award

Carnival has been a huge part of North Kensington life for the past six decades. In the early days of Carnival, community leader and activist Clive Phillip felt compelled to bring his culture with him from Trinidad and Tobago as he settled in London.

Clive is one of the founders of the Mangrove Steel Band that was formed in 1980 to introduce steel band and carnival culture to the local young people in North Kensington, ensuring Caribbean art forms would pass down generations.

Clive said: "Carnival is my whole life; my whole life is based around Carnival. The kids are the band now, there are classes for all age groups".

The band is one of the longest standing steel bands in Europe and provides an outlet for residents both young and old to work together and build community spirit.

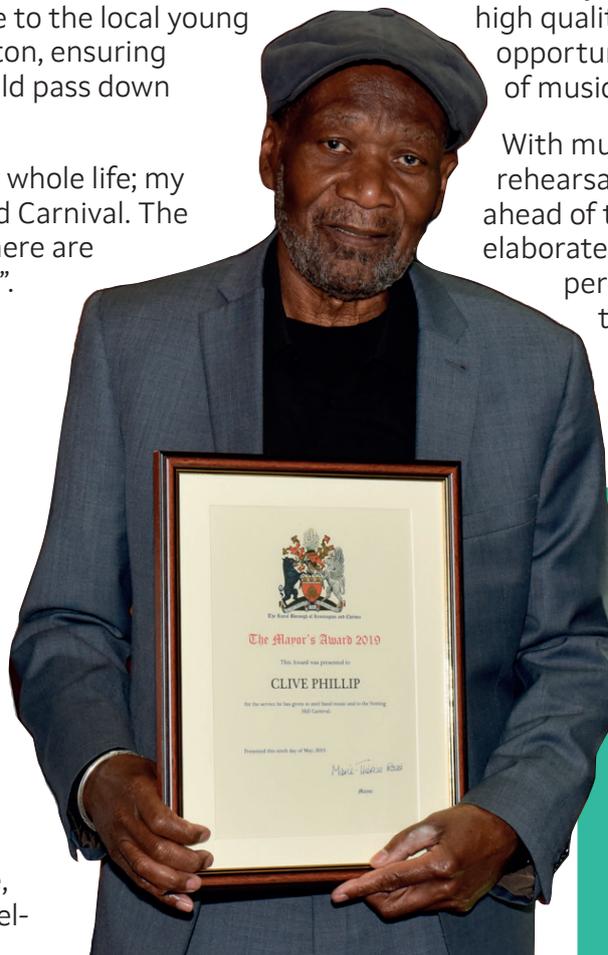
Eight-time winners of Panorama, the UK's National Steel Pan competition, the group has grown tremendously over the decades with people joining from far and wide, enticed by the group's feel-good spirit and music.

Clive said: "The band takes kids off the street and provides an after-school club service where they can rehearse and perform all year round."

Earlier this year, Clive received a Mayor's Award for his contributions to Carnival and role he and the steel band play in the community and across the whole country. The band instils discipline, provides high quality music education and performance opportunities across Europe, bringing the joy of music to people from all backgrounds.

With music at the heart of Carnival, extra rehearsal and preparation is taking place ahead of the August bank holiday, when elaborate floats and colourful costumed performers will wind their way through the streets in the carnival parades.

Follow @Mangrove W11 on Twitter to keep up to date with the band.



If you'd like to celebrate someone from the community who goes above and beyond to enrich the lives of others, email us at NorthKenNews@rbkc.gov.uk to let us know what makes them so great.

They could be the next community champion to be featured in North Ken News.

Carnival returns for another year

On August bank holiday weekend, we're expecting hundreds of thousands of visitors to the borough to enjoy the astounding sights, sounds and atmosphere of the spectacular Notting Hill Carnival, the biggest community-led street celebration in the world.

Inevitably any event of this scale will cause some disruption but we are doing our best to keep inconvenience to a minimum for residents. We will be sending leaflets to all homes affected by the Carnival route to let residents know about expected travel disruption, including road closures, and to pass on helpline numbers and information on how to best enjoy the event.

This leaflet is available online too www.rbkc.gov.uk/carnival

Carnival weekend begins on Sunday 25 August with family entertainment on Children's Day and ends on Monday 26 August with a spectacular grand finale. Entry to the Carnival is free.

More information about Notting Hill Carnival can be found on the organiser's website:

 www.nhcarnival.org



HD Holiday Kids' Club is open for the summer

The Henry Dickens Holiday Kids' Club has tonnes of activities to get stuck in to these summer holidays. There's loads of stuff to do, from football and other sporty activities to healthy cooking and creating.

Kids aged five to 11 will have plenty to keep them busy and active. For young people aged 12 to 18, the youth club offers a relaxed place to meet friends and try new activities with trip opportunities being planned throughout the summer.

The HD Holiday Kids' Club is located at Henry Dickens Community Centre, Henry Dickens Court, St. Annes Road, W11 4DH.

The Youth and Kids Clubs are free and open:

Kid's Club - Monday to Saturday

Noon to 3pm for ages five to 11
(children under five can attend with a parent/carer)

Kid's Club - Tuesdays and Thursdays

from 4pm to 6pm for ages 12 to 18



Why not come and check it out?

For more information:

 info@hdcc.london  **020 7792 8700**

Enjoy free family art with Flourish at Maxilla

Come along to Maxilla Studios and get creative with your family this summer. Local families can explore different themes each week whilst working with professional artists.

The range of exciting themes give parent/carers and their children a chance to work with plaster-casting, printmaking, weaving and much more, as well as making cyanotypes, one of the earliest forms of photography.

Sessions run for four weeks from Tuesday to Thursday starting Tuesday 30 July all the way through to Thursday 22 August from 2pm to 4pm each day.

Storytelling sessions will take place on Wednesday 31 July and Wednesday 7 August from 10.30am to 11.30am.

Sessions will be taking place at Maxilla Studios, 4 Maxilla Walk, W10 6NQ (the former children's centre under the Westway).

You can pick up a timetable from your local library, primary schools or community centre, or visit the ACAVA website www.acava.org for more information.

Children must be accompanied by an adult. Workshops are suitable for primary age children and refreshments will be served.



Have you had your enhanced health check?

The NHS is advising local residents concerned about their health to contact their GP and ask about the enhanced health check. These are designed to find the early signs of health problems or underlying health conditions.

Dr Brannick, GP and Clinical Lead for North Kensington, said: "During the enhanced health check we look for signs of long term conditions such as diabetes and lung problems and provide physical health checks looking at weight gain, blood pressure and cholesterol levels."

"They also look at your emotional wellbeing and will give advice on improving your health through lifestyle changes."

Your GP will either do these or refer you to another GP practice which does. If you prefer they are also available at various clinics in North Kensington via our community provider enhance who you can call on **020 3434 2500**.

If further investigations are required they will refer you on to specialist services including the respiratory clinic at St Mary's Hospital, Praed Street, W2 1NY

For more information visit

www.acava.org

[@ACAVAFLOURISH](https://twitter.com/ACAVAFLOURISH)

For more information visit

www.grenfell.nhs.uk

What's on at The Curve?

The Curve Community Centre hosts courses, events and programmes as well as continuing to offer support to those who need it. It's located at **10 Bard Road, W10 6TP** and is open **Monday to Friday, 10am to 8pm** and **Saturday and Sunday, 11am to 6pm.**

Please note, The Curve will be closed on Saturday 24 August, Sunday 25 August and Monday 26 August.

Throughout August, The Curve has a range of events for you to get involved with. For the full daily programme of events at The Curve, visit

www.rbkc.gov.uk/curve-events.

If you'd like more information on any of the events listed here or have any other queries, contact The Curve on 020 7221 9836 or email thecurve@rbkc.gov.uk

A big congratulations to The Curve Taekwondo group who won first place in the Capital Cup after just six months of training. The trophy is now being proudly displayed at The Curve.



Taekwondo classes are open to all abilities and take place every Friday from:

4pm to 4.30pm
for beginners aged four to six

4.30pm to 5.30pm
for beginners aged six to 12

5.30pm to 6.30pm
for intermediate ability aged six to 12

6.30pm to 7pm
for all abilities aged 13 plus

And on Sundays from:
11am to 12 noon
for beginners aged six to 12

12 noon to 1pm
for advanced ability aged six to 12

1pm to 2.30pm
for all abilities aged 13 plus

Every Tuesday

Fouzia's sewing group, open and free to all who want to learn about or practice sewing every Tuesday from 10am to 3pm.

Contact The Curve

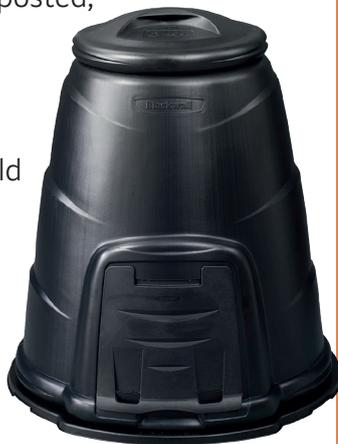
020 7221 9836 thecurve@rbkc.gov.uk

Get composting at home!

The Council has teamed up with getcomposting.com to encourage more residents to compost at home by offering a range of subsidised compost bins.

More than 30 per cent of the average household's waste can be composted, and it is estimated that the use of a home compost bin diverts approximately 150 kilogrammes of organic waste from incineration per household every year.

There are a range of home compost bins and accessories available to suit new recruits and seasoned gardeners alike.



Please visit us on

www.getcomposting.com

For home composting tips, visit

www.rbkc.gov.uk/homecompostingtips

New borough-wide magazine launches

You should have recently received a copy of 'Our Borough', the Council's new magazine for Kensington and Chelsea. The quarterly magazine will keep you up to date with Council goings-on as well as providing a platform for residents and businesses to share what's important to them.

In Our Borough you can read about things to do and places to visit from all over of Kensington and Chelsea, not to mention updates and the latest information about Council initiatives. As always, we want to encourage you to give your feedback, so please don't hesitate to get in touch.

If you haven't received your copy or have feedback/comments to share, email CommsTeam@rbkc.gov.uk



You can read Our Borough online

www.rbkc.gov.uk/our-borough