

Southgate Phoenix

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by the people for the people



Who are we?

WELCOME to the Southgate Phoenix, a community newsletter produced by the Community Anchor & local arts group, Green Pea.

We think it's important for people of different backgrounds to unite on the basis of their shared geography. Shouldn't the people who live and work in an area be informed about the plans and policies that directly affect them?

The Anchor project exists to address this by bringing people who do not normally mix together, to improve co-ordination between groups and increase local participation in decision-making. We hope it will provide a forum allowing Southgate residents to 'work and dream together'.

Our first Anchor Meetings, held in May, were a great success: local concerns were identified and positive, practical ideas discussed. Concerns which were raised at the meetings included safety on our streets, lack of cleanliness, loss of community, red-tape, high commercial rents and the ASDA(Walmart) effect.

Some ideas put forward included: community noticeboards, a community radio station, local health service (LHS) and an after school youth club.

Local Public Service Provision

There was agreement that big business and central government are not always the answer to our problems, and we would ask them to support local communities, helping them to be good stewards, rather than setting up procedural barriers.

As a first step we want to set up a community-owned street market and get Enfield Council to allow seating outside all the cafes and restaurants in Ashfield Parade. Our ultimate aim is for the parade to be turned into a 'Town Square' on at least one day a week, with a continental piazza feeling to enjoy.

Enfield Council are now consulting on this. For further details of our vision for the Parade and how you can help please look at the other side of this newsletter, and sign our petition too, which can be found at www.greenpeasouthgate.blogspot.com

Once you've read this, please pass it on to your neighbour. And don't forget to join us at our next monthly meeting!

Calendar

Tuesday 15th July:

Community Anchor Meeting
including talk by local historian Graham Dalling on Southgate's independence years.
St Andrew's Church Hall next to ASDA 7.30pm

TUESDAY 22nd JULY:

URGENT! Deadline for responses
to Borough consultation on street trading.
(See overleaf)

Wednesday 5th August:

Community picnic & games at Oakwood park
- opposite playground 11.30am
All welcome - bring food to share
Cancelled if heavy downpour!

Tuesday 9th September:

Community Anchor Meeting
Venue TBC 7.30pm

The Only Way is Up



Help us make Southgate a stairway to heaven!

Make Poverty History - Starts Here?!

I was once lucky enough to travel to Africa. We all know that Europe is a rich society, but in terms of human warmth, lack of stress, emotional well-being and time just to be, Africa, I found to be richer. I remember fondly the hospitality I received when travelling to these beautiful, faraway places and was moved by their genuine sense of community. In the wake of the failed 'Make Poverty History' campaign, is it possible that we have to start here, addressing our own spiritual poverty and changing modern society from within to create a climate in which all might be free?

Mark Barrett, Director of Green Pea

URGENT: SUPPORT THE PEOPLE'S MARKET! CONSULTATION DEADLINE 22ND JULY

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CENTRAL PLANNING INSPECTORATE SAYS YES TO GAMING ARCADE IN THE HEART OF SOUTHGATE

POPULAR DOLCE MARE THREATENED WITH CLOSURE AFTER ALFRESCO TABLE FIASCO £5,000 FINE

A Sunday Market for Southgate

PLEASE support our campaign for a community-owned street market in Ashfield Parade.

Our inspiration is Broadway Market, near London Fields in Hackney, which is held every Saturday.

This thriving market was relaunched in 2004 after residents and traders, fed up with their stagnant economy, united to organise it for themselves. The



new association fought Hackney Council's initial resistance to create a farmer's style market, which with its emphasis on quality, speciality and variety is one of London's best.

We would like to emulate the success of Broadway Market, with a Sunday market of quality locally grown produce and speciality items not available in Southgate. **But we cannot make it happen without your support. Please respond to the Council's consultation by signing our e-petition at www.greenpeasouthgate.blogspot.com or text 07854390408 stating your full name, postcode and the words "support market".**

Alternatively fill in the Council's questionnaire, for a copy call Council Licensing Officer, Mark Galvayne, on 0208 379 4743.

DEADLINE FOR RESPONSES IS 22ND JULY.

For more information please see: www.broadwaymarket.co.uk

DIY clear - up!

In February this year users of the playground next to the Southgate allotments found the slides had been removed from the climbing frames, without public notice, due to fear of Health & Safety. Ironically however broken glass caused by heavy drinking over the early May bank holiday did not provoke such fears and the glass littered the floor for a month despite repeated reports to the Council and a number of cut knees!



Thankfully at the beginning of June playground users took the initiative to clean it up themselves. "It was an enjoyable affair - a joining together of people, young & old, for a common good. Anyone who was there picked up a broom or brush and chipped in. At least we can play safely even without our slides!"



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Do you want to advertise with us? We have a sliding scale from FREE to £20 per ad. All proceeds go to supporting printing costs.

LETTERS to the Editor

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SPONSORSHIP: yes please!

Contact Mark Barrett on 020 8211 4681

Community Youth Club

TRANSITION years youth project

Working with David Burrowes MP and Enfield Youth Services Green Pea Arts have been developing an inexpensive, community-run After School Club for 8-13 yrs, to start in September 2008 at the Alan Pullinger centre. We are now inviting parents, students and teachers of all schools in N14 to register before the Summer break.

We aim to run the club 2-3 afternoons a week, helping students 8-13 years (ie, in transition between primary and secondary school) by offering art and citizenship based activities including homework support. This may be of particular interest to working parents, as children will be picked up from school, and sessions at the Centre will run until 6.30pm. We'll need your support in order to secure the necessary funding. So, if you are a local parent, child or teacher and you'd like to get involved, please get in touch.

Contact: greenpeaproject@gmail.com

DID YOU KNOW?

SOUTHGATE declared independence from Edmonton in 1881.

It remained independent for 84 years, until 1965. What was this significance?

Come listen to local historian Graham Dalling speak about the nature and politics of Southgate at our next meeting.

Tuesday 15th July 7.30pm

St Andrew's Church Hall, Southgate

Our thanks to Father Matthew for his support and use of St Andrew's Hall & to BB for her support. Also to Joe Hickey & Anne for design & lay-out.