

EBURY BRIDGE

NEWS

BRINGING YOU THE LATEST NEWS FROM THE NEIGHBOURHOOD OF EBURY BRIDGE



Nina Organics at Ebury Edge, open now

DO YOU HAVE A BUSINESS IDEA YOU'D LIKE TO GROW?

We're looking for budding local entrepreneurs and start-up businesses who want to take the next step and try out their business ideas from a dedicated shop on the Ebury Bridge high street. Sixteen new retailers and businesses have already taken up spaces at Ebury Edge and are seeing more and more customers visit every day. For anyone with a business idea, this is a great opportunity to test the water.

At Ebury Edge we can provide:

- ▶ Your own shop premises on Ebury Bridge Road
- ▶ A chance to trial your idea for two months
- ▶ Very low rent (with potential for additional subsidy)
- ▶ Support and advice from business specialists
- ▶ Help with launching your business through local promotion and marketing

We are partnering with Westminster's Business support team to enable start-ups to thrive and grow. If you're interested contact luellma@meanwhilespace

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SouthWestFest is taking place between **2 - 23 of July 2021** with over 100 free and low cost events take place online and in venues and outdoor public spaces across south Westminster! Head to southwestfest.org.uk to find out more.



REMEMBERING RHODA

We were very sad to hear the news of the recent death of Ebury Bridge resident Rhoda Torres.

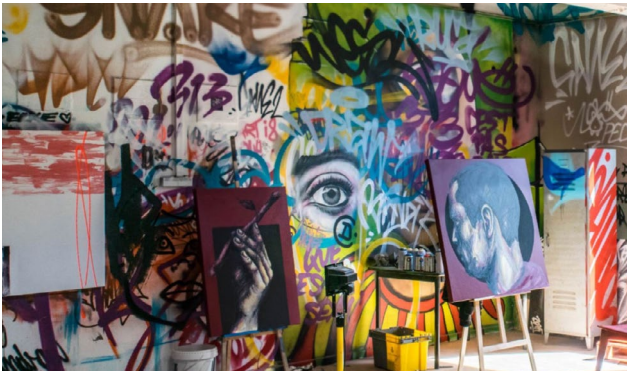
Having only recently moved around the corner from the estate, Rhoda initially made her home in Doneraile House then moved to Rye House where she lived for over 40 years, many of which with her daughter Diana. As someone who cared about her neighbours and community, Rhoda established the Single Parent Family Association in Doneraile House, worked closely with the Metropolitan Police on community safety and more recently was a founder member of the Community Futures Group (CFG) working on the plans for the regeneration of Ebury.

Anyone who met Rhoda would know she was a kind and engaging person who always had time to listen. She will be greatly missed by everyone who knew her and on behalf of the Ebury Bridge community we pass our condolences to her surviving family, her brother Kevin, sister in spirit Daisy Yee, daughter Diana, son-in-law Kevin and twin grandchildren Zoe and Luke.



CATCH EBURY ON THE ART TRAIL

Citizens Art Market will bring visual artists and makers to Ebury Edge on Saturday 10 July, 12pm – 6pm. We are the 12th exhibition along the art trail. We hope you will have the chance to see some local masterpieces!



HOARDING RELOCATION

For us to continue progressing work on site at pace, John F Hunt need to conduct ground investigation work in the central park.

Now that the initial investigation work is complete, the hoarding surrounding Hillersdon House will be safely extended into the same section of the central park where the initial investigation work took place. This relocation of the hoarding boundary – which will commence on Monday 21 June 2021 – will put a part of the central park out of action, to enable John F Hunt to remove any ground obstructions in this area in preparation for the new homes at Ebury Bridge.

We understand that this is an inconvenience to you and how green, open spaces are precious on the Estate. With this in mind, we have worked hard to ensure you can still safely use most of the central park and the play equipment within, over summer.

HORRIBLE HISTORY BENEATH OUR FEET

Recently, whilst carrying out demolition work our contractors RJF Hunt have excavated the 18th century canal (known as the Grosvenor Canal) which serviced Chelsea Waterworks.

The waterworks supplied drinking water to many central London locations including the West End. Unfortunately, the cleanliness and quality of this water wasn't to the satisfaction of its recipients who suffered illnesses such as Dysentery and Cholera. By 1829 complaints had become so loud that the company became the first in the country to install a slow sand filtration system to purify the water, finally providing Londoners with clean drinking water!



Relics of the 18th century canal wall

SUMMER EVENTS



Ebury Edge caught in the sun

Resident launch of Ebury Edge

Since Ebury Edge opened back in November, it has been very difficult to have an official launch of the new meanwhile space, where residents can enjoy checking out their new community hub at Ebury, because of restrictions that have been in place.

Now that summer is upon us and restrictions have been eased, we are beginning to plan events in the sunshine down at the Edge. An official launch of Ebury Edge for residents is top of the list, as we plan for an exciting day which the local community can indulge in.

Taking place towards the end of August, the event will give everyone the chance to visit Ebury Edge, walk around the different spaces within and have a super time. Watch this space, as when our plans progress we will let you know.

Beach at the Bridge Part II

There will be no need to look abroad this August as we are planning to bring back the hugely popular Ebury Beach. The Beach, which is held over two days, will become Pimlico's #1 destination, with donkeys, ice cream and of course masses of sand. As we plan more for our holiday hype, we will as ever keep you informed.



Residents at Ebury's first Beach at the Bridge event

PLAYGROUND MOVES

Last month we told you about plans for the relocation of the playground and the play equipment. The move will not only see all the existing climbing frames and swings improved and relocated but there will also be some new additions for children to enjoy. The plans also include a reduction in the size of the football pitch but keeps both goals and basketball hoops.

As you know from the article on page 2 of this newsletter, John F Hunt will be extending the

hoarding into the central park. Eventually, John F Hunt will need to investigate and complete work on the whole central park, which is why we have worked to find a new place for the playground equipment.

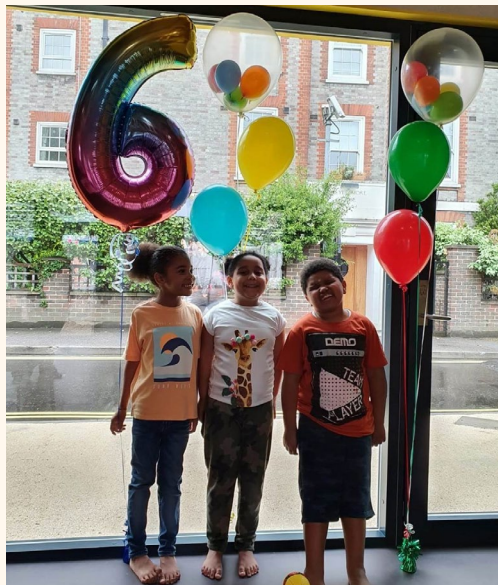
We're keen to hear from neighbouring residents about the plans and how you feel about your new play space. Please send any comments or suggestions to eburybridge@westminster.gov.uk

TURNING SIX IN STYLE AT THE EDGE

Alex, who turned six this month, is the first resident to hold his birthday celebrations at Ebury Edge, in the new community hall.

Making full use of the community space, Alex had the full works, with games and party food on offer which he enjoyed with all his friends.

Happy birthday Alex!



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GROUP IN FOCUS – PIMLICO MILLION

Pimlico Million are a resident led organisation that fund local projects and services in the south of Westminster. The group were initially given one million pounds to spend in the community over 10 years and have already funded many projects in Pimlico over the past three years.

The Pimlico Million team have recently completed a survey with communities in Pimlico and have identified the following priorities for the next two years.

- ▶ Young people
- ▶ Children and families
- ▶ Older people
- ▶ Green and open spaces
- ▶ Grants

Building inclusive communities, includes the following:

- ▶ COVID-19 grant funding
- ▶ Community networking
- ▶ Community events / activities
- ▶ Area based work

Pimlico Million now have a dedicated base in Ebury Edge and will be running activities from the community hall and elsewhere very soon. Feel free to drop in and see the team whenever you're passing.

COVID-19 VACCINE FOR 25+

Are you over 25 and not had your COVID-19 vaccination yet? You can now book online at nhs.uk/coronavirusvaccine or call NHS 119 to book your vaccination appointment.

The COVID-19 vaccine has been proven to be safe and effective at reducing the chance of you suffering from coronavirus.

If you are aged 25 and over, or turn 25 before 1 July 2021, you can book your

COVID-19 vaccination appointment without needing an invitation letter by visiting the NHS vaccination website or calling NHS 119, free of charge.

The sooner we are all vaccinated, the sooner we can get back to normal.

For more information and to have your vaccination questions answered, visit westminster.gov.uk/vaccinations

