

# In Touch

*A Newsletter for residents of Grand Union Village*

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Welcome to the December issue of the Grand Union Village In Touch Newsletter. This newsletter is written by the staff at the Community Development Trust to keep you up-to-date with what's going on, primarily in the Village but also the surrounding community. We hope you thoroughly enjoy reading this and look forward to seeing you at our Christmas Event.

If you would like to get involved in putting future newsletters together, please let us know. We're also looking for your contributions. What would you like to know more about? You can **contact me on:**  
Telephone : 020 8845 8518 or  
Email: [administrator@guvcommunity.org.uk](mailto:administrator@guvcommunity.org.uk)

I look forward to hearing from you.

***Loraine Mullin, Administrator***  
***Julie Clifford, Director***

## **The Grand Union Village Community Development Trust Facilities**

Most of the final finishing touches for the new facilities are now in place. Our site manager and his team are working very diligently to complete all the outstanding work. Very shortly we will be hosting events and activities that may be of interest to you.

The CDT Staff have moved into their new office and are looking forward to seeing you all on 16 December.

## **New Appointments**

The Trust has now appointed, Julie Clifford as Trust Director, and Loraine Mullin as Trust Administrator.

Julie Clifford is an experienced Community Development Manager having worked in both the voluntary sector and the social housing sector for over 10 years. She has set up a number of projects including youth clubs, holiday schemes, crèche and toddlers groups, training and employment projects, and a number of community wide events eg. Street parties, carnivals, etc. Loraine Mullin is a resident in the village and a foster mum. She is very happy to be in post. She hopes to be of service to everyone and in particular wants to help children and young people have an exciting time whilst living in the village.

## **Christmas Event - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December**

Its Christmas time again! We would like to invite you to come and meet your new neighbours. The Grand Union Village will host its annual Christmas Event. Come and enjoy the festivities of, mulled wine, minced pies, Santa's Grotto filled with prizes and other light refreshments.



## **Christmas Events**

Friday 16 December 2005

Time: between 4pm and 8pm

Venue: The Community Facilities, Weaver House, 6 Higham Mews, Northolt

## **www.govcommunity.org.uk - its live!**

It's over to you! The Trust's first website is now online with over 50 pages of information to support life in the Village from travel information, to the nearest schools to details of the Trust Directors. A special resident's message board will be live in the next two weeks. Villagers can now register on line to access the Forum. The site is easily updated and we're looking for residents to help us look after specific areas. For example, are you a teenager with some spare time who would like to develop the Teens area? Are there other things you would like to see on the site? We'd be delighted to have your feedback.

## **Training On Your Doorstep!**

Would you like to receive training on your doorstep! Well, Uxbridge College is looking to set up classes at the Grand Union Village Community Facilities in the New Year. If you are interested in the following courses, please fill in the attached questionnaire and send it back to the Community Development Trust office by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December.

## **On Site! Construction Work update**

Building work continues on the next private apartment blocks near to the basin. Foundation work has now started to the north of Founder's Close, on forty four affordable homes, a mixture of 2 bedroom apartments and 3,4 and 6 bedroom houses.

Three blocks of two-bedroom affordable apartments on Broadmead Road have been handed over to Genesis Housing Group. These are allocated to people already living in the Borough via Ealing Council.

### ***Play areas***

Equipment has now been installed near to Keadby House, Netherton House, and Thame House with Caledonian Court and Dorset Court due for completion at the end of this week (16 December).

The play areas in Ballinger Way, and on the podiums at Welford House and Ashby

House are likely to be installed early January. This is due to a delay with the specialist slide that is part of this equipment.

### **Be safe!**

We have been advised that children are playing around the edge of the canal basin. Please be aware that this is deep water and therefore very dangerous.

And finally, our very best wishes for the festive season from all the Taylor Woodrow team

**Claire Winterflood, Communications  
Manager, Taylor Woodrow**

## **Christmas Service**

Carols by Candlelight will take place on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 6p.m. at the Greenford Baptist Church.



## **Christmas Events For Children Around The Village.**

**Santa Claus** and his little helpers from Ealing Family Community Development Team will pay a special visit  
On a double decker bus

to

**Invicta Grove**

on

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2005.**

**Come along at 3.30-5pm**

All children are welcomed from the Village

**ON BEHALF OF THE TRUSTEES AND  
STAFF OF THE GRAND UNION  
VILLAGE COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT TRUST A MERRY  
CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW  
YEAR!**