



Not as naughty, just as nice!

The Council's new healthy eating campaign is underway with a tasty alternative to a great British favourite. It's fish and chips, but not as we know it! The chips are baked and contain 50 per cent less fat than traditional chips. And the fish is salmon from sustainable stocks, so there'll still be plenty

to go round for the pupils of the future. Our catering services team continues to work with schools, pupils, parents and headteachers to provide healthy school meals. **For more details, please call Catering Services on 020 8227 5509 or visit www.lunchbite.lbbd.gov.uk.**



Jason Richards and students

Spreading the word: Barking and Dagenham now has its own community radio station, Enterprise Radio. Schools Action for Enterprise set up the online station, and Barking & Dagenham Enterprise (BDE) is backing the project. The station broadcasts 24 hours a day, seven days a week, with live programmes between 9am and 4pm. Regular presenters include Jason Richards, who has run DJ courses in local schools for several years. He will produce programmes at the station's studio at Robert Clack School, Dagenham. BDE board member Cllr Graham Bramley says: "This exciting project has enormous potential to take the enterprise message to local residents." To contact the presenters, please email safe@radiofutures.co.uk.

In brief

Road closures

Gale Street will be closed to traffic between Woodward Road and Rugby Road from 2 January to 25 January inclusive. This is due to urgent repair work on a high-voltage cable and maintenance work on the Gale Street bridge, near Becontree station.

Heathway and some surrounding roads will close on successive weekends from 26 January to 15 March as the road improvement programme nears completion. Heathway will close between Hedgemans Road and Parsloes Avenue from 6pm on Saturday to 6pm on Sunday.

Smoking law change

The Council is clamping down on shops that sell tobacco to under-age people. Shop owners should be aware the legal age for buying cigarettes in England and Wales was raised to 18 on since 1 October.

Previously 16-year-olds were allowed to purchase tobacco but the new laws mean that shops breaking the rules could face a fine up to £2,500.

The Council is also advising all shopkeepers who sell tobacco products to train their staff and make them aware of the new laws.

For further details, please contact Barking and Dagenham Direct on 020 8215 3010 and ask for the Trading Standards Team.

Music to our ears

More than 500 young musicians from the borough are set to appear at London's Sadler's Wells Theatre. The concert, organised by the Community Music Service, is on Wednesday 6 February at 7.15pm. It includes "Voices Reunite", a series of songs with the abolition of slavery as their theme. Tickets are £6 for adults and £3 concessions. For more details, please contact Julie Spencer, head of the Community Music Service, on 020 8270 6691.

Help with housing

The new Service Provider Assessment team has been set up to support residents on housing issues.

It will work with housing support services to help vulnerable people live independently in their own homes.

Housing support teams have operated since April 2006. They have already helped many residents enjoy a full life in the community.

For more details, please call Thomas Oyetunde on 020 8227 5189.

Grime team

The television programme Grimebusters is coming back to the borough to film the Council's environmental services teams. The six-part "docu-soap" will focus on vermin control, cleaning up flytips, and restoring neglected properties. The programme will also revisit our sewer and graffiti teams, who were the subject of the first series.