

CHURCH STREET NEWS

Bringing you the latest news from the neighbourhood of Church Street

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CHURCH STREET CELEBRATES

Church Street was bursting with colour as local residents joined the Church Street Festival organised by HAFS Academy on 14 May. The ever popular event, attended by thousands of people every year, brings together residents to celebrate and have fun with their families and friends. A funfair, food and community activities were the order of the day, and it was great to see so many of our residents taking time out to enjoy the occasion and bring everyone together. A big thank you to organisers at HAFS Academy for another successful and well attended event.

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TIME FOR SOME DOWNTIME?

Need a space to take some time out for yourself and look after your mental wellbeing? As part of our next Community Market why not come down to Church Street on Thursday 22 June 11am to 2pm to enjoy some mindfulness and relaxation aboard the Zen Bus.

The Zen Project is a social enterprise on a mission to offer a mobile sanctuary, bringing wellbeing benefits on the go, all from a converted American school bus. No need to book and it is completely free to enjoy the activities on offer such as guided meditation, sound healing and creative expression activities. Come and drop by!



No homework to be found inside the Zen school bus

HELP US SHAPE AND IMPROVE POLICIES AND SERVICES

Are you interested in helping improve the council's services, activities and representation? We have made a firm commitment to actively involve residents and service users to help shape our decisions and contribute to the development of services, plans and programmes alongside council officers and local councillors.

The Register of Active Residents will allow us to connect with our community, local knowledge, lived experiences and skills to aid us with recruitment processes, resident panels, focus groups, decision making and co-design activities.

For more information visit www.westminster.gov.uk/our-westminster or for any questions please email the team at communitydevelopmentteam@westminster.gov.uk





OUR WESTMINSTER



Fatima is a volunteer with Westminster Connects



Every single one of us can play a part in creating a Fairer Westminster

Here are some of the ways you can get involved and be heard:

- Join our Register of Active Residents
- Take part in community conversations
- Find out what's happening in your community ...and many more.



Visit our website to find out more

westminster.gov.uk/our-westminster

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A session at the WAES Centre on Lisson Grove

WHAT'S ON THE ROOF? LEARNING HOW WE LIVE IN A LOW CARBON CITY

Low carbon projects and sustainable-led initiatives are changing the way we live and how we view the City. From the latest technology behind heat pumps and infrared heating to solar panels and green roofs, there's a lot to know for how we build a sustainable future. That's where the Green Live Learning Lab step in, an initiative between Westminster Adult Education Service (WAES) and the council to bring together family learning with real-life sustainability learning. At the latest classroom session on 26 April, twenty-one WAES learners looked at how regeneration and construction work across North Westminster, including Church Street, is using low-carbon technology, and how renewable energy can be built or retrofitted into 21st century living.

To find out more about Green Live Learning Lab sessions visit waes.ac.uk, email Amy Dunkley at communitylearning@waes.ac.uk, or call Westminster Adult Education Service on **020 7627 7627**. Thank you to everyone who has taken part in the project so far!

WINDRUSH 75TH ANNIVERSARY EXHIBITION COMING TO CHURCH STREET

As we prepare to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of Windrush, an exhibition window display will be coming to 35-37 Church Street from Friday 9 June until Friday 30 June. In collaboration with artist Michael McMillian, the display will feature a 1970's Caribbean front room. Find out more about council events in the city celebrating the Windrush generation by visiting www.westminster.gov.uk/windrush



Artist Michael McMillian will present aversion of his work at 35-37 Church Street

WE ALL NEED TO PLAY OUR PART

Normally your instinct will tell you when something doesn't look right, or when something doesn't feel right. When someone's behaviour feels inappropriate, unwanted, offensive or threatening, you can choose to challenge it. Research has shown that bystander intervention is a really effective way of reducing the likelihood of sexual harassment and assault occurring. No one is asking to be sexually harassed or assaulted. If you see something, report it and help us to stop sexual harassment. Find out how you can help here www.westminster.gov.uk/night-safety

IT'S HER CITY TOO



Help us to end sexual harassment. We all need to play our part.



Visit westminster.gov.uk/night-safety

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DON'T FORGET THE ANTIQUES FAIR

As featured in our last issue, the Antiques Fair is coming to **Church Street on Sunday 11 June 2023** between 11am to 5pm which will bring together over 100 dealers, food stalls and live music. All at free entry, we hope to see you there!



LIGHTS CAMERA ACTION – WEST END LIVE IS BACK FOR 2023!

Join us on **Saturday 17 and Sunday 18 June** for a weekend of performances from London's most celebrated musicals and discover exciting new shows with West End LIVE in Trafalgar Square this summer. Theatre's biggest stars will give exclusive performances in front of thousands of spectators to showcase the very best of the London stage over two summer nights.

This event is free and hugely popular. You don't need to book, just turn up on the day and join in. Check out the full line up and more information here www.westendlive.co.uk

WEEKLY COUNCILLOR SURGERIES

Do you have an issue or a concern that your local councillor can help you with? The Church Street Ward Councillors are holding weekly surgeries every Tuesday, from 5.30pm to 6.30pm, and on a Wednesday from 10.30am to 12.30pm at the Church Street Library, 67 Church Street, London NW8 8EU.



FIND OUT MORE

GO ONLINE

You can also keep track of the latest news on the Church Street website at churchstreet.org

IF YOU HAVE A QUESTION

Please email us at churchstreet@westminster.gov.uk

SPEAK IN PERSON

Contact us to talk a member of our Regeneration Team at **020 7641 2968**

You can also visit us at **Regeneration Base, 99 Church Street, NW8 8EY**. Open from Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm.