

# Neighbourhood News



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## THE STREET PARTY'S BACK IN

NEWPORT ROAD

**Saturday 11 June 1.00pm**

The Bell Tower Community Association and Newport Road residents will again host a street party for this year's Big Lunch, from 1.00pm to about 5.00pm on Saturday 11 June. The Moderation will be back with its barbecue, or you can bring your own food.

This year we have live music for the first time! We're putting together a band to play a few songs - please contact us if you're interested in performing too. We also hope to have music workshops for all the family with help from Readipop. And don't forget to get mixing for the cake baking competition, back to

celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday. You can also set up your own stall if you like - please contact us for details or see us on the day.

We are going to need lots of help, with preparations and on the day. Can you provide any entertainment or would you like to help with activities for children? We also particularly need help with the Bell Tower table and setting up. Please contact David on 07890 118167 or by email at [david@bell-tower.org.uk](mailto:david@bell-tower.org.uk).

We hope the weather will be on our side, but in the event of bad weather we can still hold a smaller party at the New Hope Centre.

Join the party!

Barbecue food from the Moderation

Bring your own food and drink if you prefer!

Cake baking competition

Children's entertainment including crafts, games and face painting

Games Quiz

Music (some of it live!)

**SATURDAY  
11 JUNE 1.00PM  
NEWPORT ROAD  
ALL WELCOME!**



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Red Cedar

Harvest Gold

Tudor Black Oak

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## News in brief

● The independent consultants brought in by Reading Borough Council have now finished their monitoring of overnight train noise in Cardiff Road. This testing came about largely as a result of our media campaign and pressure from Reading East MP Rob Wilson. The consultants will need a couple of weeks to complete their report and present it to the council and local residents. After that the council will decide whether it wants to take further steps. We are also waiting to see whether and how the council will carry out air pollution measurements in Cardiff Road.

Residents are continuing to report nuisance from the depot, which means Bell Tower has no intention of letting the matter drop and will continue to press all the parties involved to tackle the problem. We are eagerly awaiting the results of the noise monitoring and the council's response.

● After the recent AGM the Bell Tower committee is now: Jonathan Dart (Chairman), Steve Bale (Vice-Chairman & Membership Secretary) Rod Plinston (Secretary), Sandie Gill (Treasurer), David Neale, Barbara Kendall, Richard Chandler and Rose Brannigan (Minuting Secretary).

We're always looking for more helpers. There are plenty of things you can help with, and you don't have to join the committee - if you'd like to help us please feel free to email us at [info@bell-tower.org.uk](mailto:info@bell-tower.org.uk) or contact Jonathan at 68 Addison Road, phone 0118 950 9350.

● We are hoping to organise regular pensioners' midweek lunches at the Standard Tandoori in the near future. If you are interested in coming along (or know someone who might be interested) please contact Barbara at 77 Addison Road, phone 0118 950 7685.

## JOIN US NOW

for only £1 per person per year and claim great discounts from local businesses! Keep up to date at [www.bell-tower.org.uk/membership.htm](http://www.bell-tower.org.uk/membership.htm), where you can download our membership form.

You can join at any of our events or by contacting Steve Bale at 79 York Road.

# Life, the Universe and Everything

Weighty questions were posed to around 40 participants in the Bell Tower quiz at New Hope on Friday 6 May: Is a Jaffa Cake a cake or a biscuit? What is the answer to the question: 'What is the meaning of life, the universe and everything?' in *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*?

The Standard Tandoori provided sustenance for the mental gymnastics, and the team that won the £50 cash prize was 'The font of very little knowledge'.



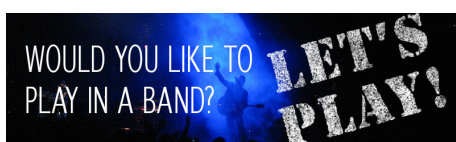
**TAXING TIMES:** one of the quiz teams in action and (below) some welcome half-time sustenance

Many thanks to quizmaster Rod Plinston, vicar Joy Atkins for the use of New Hope, Richard Chandler for organizing the bookings and catering as well as Paul Fadden for designing the poster - they all made the event such a success that we shall probably be holding another one in the autumn.

You'll also have an opportunity to try your hand at a shortened Bell Tower quiz at the street party on 11 June, to limber up for our next full session later in the year.

*Jonathan Dart*

## We're jamming!



Our first 'no fear jam session' took place at the Readipop studios on Sunday 15 May, the first event in our 'Let's Play' project. We hope (provided we don't have too many contractual or artistic differences in the meantime, of course) to have a band ready to perform a few songs at the street party.



**COME TOGETHER:** at last there's a use for your rotten tomatoes!

Readipop have kindly offered us free use of their studios for rehearsal on Sunday afternoons from 3pm until early June. Fancy having a go? Or just coming along to heckle? Just turn up - we'll be pleased to see you!

The lovely Readipop folks hope to be at our street party too, and if you're interested in performing we'd love to hear from you - please contact David on 07890 118167 or visit [bell-tower.org.uk/letsplay](http://bell-tower.org.uk/letsplay) if you are interested. Eventually we hope to extend the project into the community - drum sessions for families, a community choir...just let us know what interests you!

## FIVE STAR WINES

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