

Giant book sculpture tells arty story

Pupils and staff at Langford Primary School, in Fulham, have unveiled a one-metre high sculpture of an open book outside their school's entrance hall

The giant aluminium artwork is the result of a collaboration between artist-in-residence Roland Lawar and 18 school pupils aged seven and eight.

Mr Lawar helped pupils make three-dimensional artworks from recycled materials as well as taking them to the Tate Modern gallery. The idea for the book sculpture was developed in collaboration with the pupils.

The giant metal book has the names of all the children who worked on the project inscribed on the cover and a



quote from African-American activist Frederick Douglass on the inside, which says: "Once you learn to read, you will be forever free."

Mr Lawar worked with Langford

"The open book sculpture is symbolic of life and learning and makes a really strong statement at the entrance to the school. We are thrilled with it," said headteacher Anne-Louise de Buriane

as part of the Sculptors in Schools project, a three-year programme run by local arts organisation ACAVA (the Association for Cultural Advancement through Visual Art) and Hammersmith & Fulham Council with funding from John Lyon's Charity.

● Another Fulham school which has recently made its mark in the arts is St John's Walham Green Primary, which has been given the national Artsmark Silver award by Arts Council England.

Community leaders join up their thinking

Leading figures meet to discuss how to create a greater sense of community in Fulham

Leading political figures, religious leaders, police officers and representatives from local schools were among 60 community leaders who attended and gave their backing to the newly established Fulham Community Leaders' Forum – established to take local action on issues affecting us all.

Reverend Joe Hawes, pictured, of All Saints Church in Fulham hosted the event held in June, which brought together representatives from diverse communities to discuss how to create a greater sense of connectedness and community within Fulham.

Reverend Joe Hawes of All Saints Church said of the inaugural meeting; "This was the first time community leaders in Fulham had a chance to meet together to discuss ways of improving life in the community. The focus of our first forum was on providing services for young people in our area. It was an extremely exciting meeting - there was a very positive atmosphere and we look forward to some good concrete outcomes in the future."



Reverend Joe Hawes discusses local issues

All Saints Community Development was launched last December and since then discussions with local groups have explored some of the needs of the local community. A topic which particularly resonated with many was the lack of facilities for teenagers and young adults in Fulham, and the impact this can have on other aspects of community life.

A smaller working party will now be formed to take the discussion ideas forward and develop proposals. For more information or join the debate, please contact the All Saints Parish Office on **020 7736 3264**.

Using water wisely

With months on end of below average rainfall and a drought order in place, h&f news takes a look at ways that we can all help to save water

London has experienced below average rainfall figures for 16 of the last 17 months, leaving groundwater levels very low. A hosepipe ban is already in place and Thames Water has recently applied to the government for a drought order.

H&F council has already taken various measures to conserve water usage, including limiting the washing of council buildings and vehicles, closing the borough's two paddling pools and restricting the operation of the Lyric Square fountain.

You too can make a difference. Here's a list of handy hints to help you save a few litres around your home:

Top tips on saving water

- Install a water-saving device to fit in your toilet cistern, saving up to three litres per flush. These can be obtained free from Thames Water on **0845 9200 800**.
- Take a quick shower instead of a bath – but beware, as power showers can use more than a bath.
- Ensure you have a full load in your

washing machine or dishwasher.

- Don't leave the tap running while brushing your teeth or washing vegetables, as this can waste up to six litres per minute.
- Fix dripping taps – making a saving of up to 140 litres per week.
- Only fill the kettle with enough water for your needs, this will reduce your fuel bills too.
- Install a water butt in your garden to collect rainwater that can be used on your plants and lawn.



For more detailed information about minimising water usage, visit the Thames Water website on www.thames-water.com

NEWS IN BRIEF

Find out how to fund your film

Focus West, the borough's support agency for the media and creative industries, is helping to organise a free seminar on July 19 about the funding and financing of British films and documentaries.

The seminar is part of the Talent Circle short film festival, which will take place in and around Soho between 17 and 24 July.

Anyone interested in attending should call Focus West on 020 8746 0355 or email info@focuswest.co.uk

New council deaf alert system

A new system to help people who are deaf or hard of hearing know when an alarm has gone off in H&F council public buildings was launched in Deaf Awareness Week.

The Deaf Alerter fire alarm warning system means deaf people can access a small, hand-held device when entering Hammersmith & Fulham council buildings, which then vibrates to let the person know if an alarm has been sounded.

Whether you're an employee or visiting a council building you can borrow an Alerter. When entering a building installed with Deaf Alerter you will see the nationally recognised signs – look out for them on the entrances of:

Barclay House – Social Services, Fulham Town Hall, Hammersmith Library, Hammersmith Town Hall, Hammersmith Housing, Highmaster House, Riverview House and at 145 King Street – Social Services.

For more information on the Deaf Alerter, visit www.deaf-alerter.com or contact +44 (0)1332 363981 or Text / Minicom +44 (0)1332 291921

Quids in with Credit Union

Council leader Councillor Stephen Greenhalgh with £250 credit union prize draw winner Cathy Reid. Cathy, who lives on Fulham Court Estate, won the cash after pledging support for the H&F Credit Union. 900 residents have expressed an interest so far and organisers hope to have reached 2000 pledges by the end of the year. To find out more call 020 8746 2120 or visit www.hf-creditunion.co.uk