

Northam Local Conversation

Fun Day Brings together diverse group



In December, a time when much of the focus is on Christian celebration, Northam residents reached out to their diverse community to offer all residents from many ethnic and religious backgrounds a chance to celebrate and have fun.

Residents from the Northam breakfast and lunch groups were joined by family, friends and neighbours to enjoy face painting & henna, international foods and singing and dance performance. One resident said, "Thank you for doing this. Entertaining a family costs so much sometimes but we have really enjoyed this and I still have my money in my purse."

Look out for future events on our website.

Ladies' Swimming Project changing lives

The ladies' swimming project in Northam and St Mary's has grown from strength to strength.

The group recently moved to Bitterne swimming pool and now regularly attracts over 50 participants who have taken the brave step to learn to swim.

The swimmers have also organised their own transport and enjoy socialising and supporting each other. One lady explained,

"I took my family swimming in the holidays and showed my children all my new moves. I have a lot of fun at the lessons but it was so good for my family to see the difference."



Places on NEW Mixed swimming classes are now being offered at 4pm Friday or 10am Saturday or Sunday – TBC. Contact Abdoulie on 023 8038 8580 for details.

More events in Northam include....

NEW Northam Lunch Club

12pm-2pm at Northam Community Centre.

TEEM Work job support – Northam

10am – 12pm Wednesdays at Northam Community Centre, Kent Street. Contact 02380 917585

See the full list on our webpage at:

www.wict.co.uk/our-community/northam-local-conversation/

St Mary's Local Conversation

Residents preview Nuffield Southampton Theatres City

venue: Engaging with Southampton communities



NST, Nuffield Southampton Theatres has opened its doors to the new city centre venue through a series of special preview tours and residents from St Marys (photo above) were amongst the first to visit.

The new venue, NST City, is due to open for its first major production in February. Work is currently ongoing to fit out the new venue which includes a flexible 447 seat main house theatre, a 135 seat studio, screening facilities, rehearsal, workshop spaces and a café bar.

The tour sessions included an opportunity to discuss the community's use of this new venue. The tours are the first in a programme of engagement activity planned by the Studio 144 partners over the coming months that will introduce audiences to the new venue, its people and programmes.

Classes Proving 'Sew' Popular: Albion Towers Project launching new Beginner and Advanced classes

The Albion Towers Sewing project is opening its doors to a second group of residents – and places are filling fast!

Established in July 2017, the group was initiated by residents who wanted an opportunity to develop sewing skills and to spend more time with their neighbours. Support and funding from West Itchen Community Trust as part of our Local Conversation enabled the group to hire a space, arrange a tutor and purchase resources. Led by residents, the group are now making clothes their families 'wear with pride'.

Now, after many weeks' work and the production of some beautiful garments, the first group will celebrate their achievements together at a presentation at Voluntary Action Centre on Wednesday 24 January.

For more information or to register an interest contact Abdoulie on 023 8038 8580.

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