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Ann's pride on ride to work

The enterprising director of Sutton's Citizens Advice Bureau, Ann Kinahan, decided to beat rising fuel prices and use sustainable travel by riding her horse to work to celebrate Sutton's Take Part, Take Pride week. Ann and her colleagues at the three branches of Sutton Borough Citizens Advice Bureau all did their bit for the community by embracing environmentally friendly transport to travel to work. Indiana, the horse, is seven years old and usually divides her time between eventing and enjoying the grass in her Bromley field. While Ann rode Indiana to Wallington, from Bromley, via Croydon, others used a variety of other transport methods from bikes, the bus, scooters and roller blades, to good old-fashioned shoe leather. Their efforts were rewarded with book tokens and goody bags provided by local traders and a breakfast cooked by volunteers. Leader of Sutton Council, Cllr Sean Brennan, said: 'Green travel initiatives like this set a really positive example and are exactly what Take Part, Take Pride is about. The more people get involved and feel part of the borough, the more we can work together to make it an even better place in which to work and live.'

Smashing start for glass collections

Sutton Council is praising residents for an almost four-fold increase in glass recycling since the launch of kerbside collections on 2nd June. In the first week of the new service collection crews picked up 196 tonnes of glass from people's homes. In April just over 53 tonnes of glass were collected from bottle banks each week. Cllr Colin Hall, Executive Member for the Environment on Sutton Council, said: 'I'm delighted by this excellent response from residents to our new glass

the council to make it easier for them to do so. The initial figures are an indication of what can be achieved when we work in partnership with our residents.'

Mayor weighs in

In keeping with tradition, Epsom & Ewell's new Mayor, Cllr Alan Winkworth, has been 'weighed-in' at Epsom Downs Racecourse. The Jockey Room's scales, usually reserved for weighing the riders, were brought out for the occasion which also saw the former Mayor, now the borough's new Deputy, Cllr Jean Steer, 'weighed-out' before Cllr Winkworth jumped on to be weighed. He said: 'I am thoroughly enjoying my new role and this weighing-in event is a fun way to officially inaugurate all incoming mayors of this borough. Weighing-in may be a relatively new tradition, but it is nice to be able to bring together the well-established heritage of the races and the Council which make-up Epsom & Ewell.' Cllr Winkworth has chosen three charities to support in his Mayoral year; Epsom & Ewell Citizens Advice Bureau, The Butterfly Appeal and Epsom & Ewell Scouts.

Cheam gets taste for Bollywood

Bollywood dancers moving to pulsating drumming heralded the opening of Samsara, a new Indian restaurant, on Cheam High Street. Invited guests enjoyed the traditional Indian canapés and cuisine including grilled salmon tikkas with fresh mint, authentic curries and traditional Naan breads, all washed down with lashings of Champagne and strawberries. The restaurant interior has benefited from a £250,000 facelift with a feature copper wall, chocolate coloured banquet seating and dark wood tables from India.

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