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Scrumptious!

ROSY cheeked Willa Russell might just take a bite from these crunchy delights at Apple Day celebrations.

The four-year-old joined a crowd of more than 400 people who flocked to Hornsey Vale Community Centre in Mayfield Road, Hornsey, on Saturday for the second annual Apple Day organised by Transition Crouch End and the Urban Harvest.

They drank apple juice fresh from the press, tasted a dozen varieties of English apples – and pears! – and took part in the longest apple peel competition, but a talk on the fruit's heritage proved the hit of the day.

Gillian Livingstone, of Transition Crouch End, said: "The overwhelming turnout and enthusiastic response are indications of Crouch End's residents' appetite for food, that is diverse, distinctive and above all things, local."

Picture by **TONY GAY**

PARKING POT OF GOLD



CHRIS Freeman: says Crouch End traders and shoppers are hard hit

Tickets earn cash strapped council £580,000 a year

MORE than £580,000 in parking fines in just one year is sapping the "life-blood" out of the Crouch End shopping district, it is claimed.

Shoppers and traders were outraged to hear that Haringey Council raised the hefty sum last year for tickets issued in The Broadway, Crouch End Hill and Tottenham Lane.

It amounts to more than £10,000 a week, with £322,594 being collected in The Broadway alone – a stretch of just over 500 feet.

Chris Freeman, chairman of the Crouch End Traders' Association and owner of Dunn's Bakery, said: "That is a huge sum of money. All these tickets and cameras drive shoppers away

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from the traditional high streets and straight into supermarket car parks.

"We always have to tell shoppers to be careful and re-read the notices because they can be misleading and confusing, but unfortunately it just means that people stop coming."

Wardens also handed out £148,660 in fines

in Tottenham Lane and another £115,218 in fines in Crouch End Hill, during the same period from April 2009 to April 2010.

The average charge paid is £100, suggesting there were about 5,800 tickets issued in the area. Parking bays on these roads are notoriously confusing, with motorists often baffled by conflicting parking notices and bus lane restrictions.

Under the council's "stop and shop"

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Man dies in Archway Bridge fall

A MAN has died after falling from Archway Bridge on Tuesday.

Police were called at around midday to the bridge over Archway Road, Highgate – known locally as "Suicide Bridge" – to reports of a man having climbed over the railings and fallen.

He was pronounced dead at the scene. Witnesses

reported that he had taken a ladder to the scene to climb over the barrier.

Police closed the southbound lanes of Archway Road, and Hornsey Lane.

Officers believe they know the identity of the man, and are not treating the incident as suspicious.

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POT OF GOLD

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scheme, drivers can park for up to two hours in Crouch End according to the council's website, but confusingly signs say parking is allowed for up to three hours in Tottenham Lane and Crouch End Hill.

Traders also claim restrictions make it almost impossible for them to load and unload deliveries outside their shops. And with patrolling wardens and CCTV cameras trained on the shopping strip, it is feared motorists are being turned into a council "cash cow".

Graham Powell, owner of Graham Fine Art, in Crouch End Hill, said: "It seems like an astronomical amount of money that could be better spent in local shops." He said his customers had often complained about the parking restrictions and had been put off coming back by the fear of being ticketed.

Green Lanes, in nearby Harringay, has also named as the most ticketed road in the country with £564,000 levied by the council in parking fines in 2009 on a 1.5 mile stretch.

But that pales in comparison to The Broadway, which has racked up fines of more than £322,000 on a stretch just 0.1 miles long.

Crouch End ward councillor David Win-skill said: "Effectively, Haringey Council is extracting over half a million pounds from the Crouch End shopping centre. Labour said a great deal about supporting small businesses but if you add up all the financial support they have put in over the past three years I would raise serious money that it comes nowhere near what they've taken out. Small businesses are the lifeblood of the Haringey economy."

A council spokesman said the penalty charge notices were issued to drivers for parking outside the designated hours with other contraventions including parking at pedestrian crossings and bus stops, double parking and overstaying the time paid for on a pay and display machine. He added: "We have reviewed parking arrangements in both areas and extended parking provision. We are seeing much higher levels of compliance with restrictions."

The Week

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN HARINGEY

EVENTS

THURSDAY 21

● FIND out how therapies can improve your life and make you healthier with a day of workshops and counselling with the Happy Opportunity, at Chestnuts Community Centre, St Ann's Road, N15, from 11am-12noon.

● SPRUCE up a community nature park by cutting back the vegetation and freeing the plants of weeds with a volunteer day, at The Paddock, Ferry Lane, N17, from 10am-3pm.

● HEAR live poetry and spoken word performances from the artists behind the exhibition Sisters in Spirit, at Hornsey Library, Haringey Park, N8, from 7pm-9pm. Call 020 8489 1419.

FRIDAY 22

● DISCOVER how the Alexander Technique can make you healthier and improve the way you work with an introductory workshop, at Integrated Body Dynamics, Ferme Park Road, N4, from 7pm-9pm. Call 020 8347 0888.

● DISCUSS how different faiths can work together and learn about family values and respect with an interfaith forum for women, at the JAN Trust, Bedford Road, N22, from 11am-1pm.

● SEEK advice on sexual health or discuss your personal issues with the PASCH drop in clinic, at Marcus Garvey Library, Philip Lane, N15, from 2pm-5pm. Call 020 8489 5309.

SATURDAY 23

● TAKE a stroll around Tottenham Marshes and learn all about its ecological qualities with a guided tour by a biodiversity expert, meet at the Waterside Centre, Stonebridge Lock, N17 from 2pm-5pm. E-mail info@tottenhammarshes.org.

● PICK up some bargains with

the Friends of Alexandra Park Library's bric-a-brac and book sale, at Alexandra Park Library, Alexandra Park Road, N22, from 10am-4pm.

● LEARN how to speak Spanish in a fun and relaxed environment with a fortnightly language class for children, at Stroud Green Library, Quernmore Road, N4, from 2pm-3pm.

SUNDAY 24

● PEEK inside some of the most elaborate dolls houses and admire furniture and accessories at the Dolls House and Miniatures Fair, at Alexandra Palace, Alexandra Palace Way, N22, from 10am-4pm.

● PUT your unicycle skills to the test with a circus workshop for youngsters aged 10-16 covering everything from stiltwalking to juggling, at Jacksons Lane, Archway Road, N6, from 2pm-4pm.

MONDAY 25

● SIT back and enjoy a series of folk tales from African and Caribbean communities, as part of Black History Month, at Highgate Library, Shepherds Hill, N6, from 10.30am-11am.

● TRACE your descendants back through the centuries and unearth your family tree with a starter talk, at Bruce Castle Museum, Lordship Lane, N17, from 12.15pm. Call 020 8808 8772.

TUESDAY 26

● ENJOY an evening of song and chamber music featuring soprano Dame Emma Kirkby while raising money for the Red Hedgehog Development Fund, at the Red Hedgehog, Archway Road, N6, from 7.30pm.

● HAVE fun with the family and enjoy creative and educational play for young children, at Coombes Croft



■ SOPRANO Dame Emma Kirkby hits the high notes for charity on Tuesday

Library, High Road, N17, from 3.30pm-5pm. Call 020 8489 8771.

● LISTEN to a talk on novelist William Golding and discover the man behind novels such as Lord of the Flies, at Highgate Literary and Scientific Institution, South Grove, N6, from 7.45pm.

WEDNESDAY 27

● EXPERIENCE a true reggae vibe with a host of ska music and a stall serving jerk chicken and plenty of rum, at The Boogaloo nightclub, Archway Road, N6, from 9pm-midnight.

● GET fit the fun way with an invigorating outdoor bootcamp around Alexandra Park, meet in the pavilion car park, Alexandra Palace Way, N22, from 7am or 6.30pm. Call Johanna 07931 242 358.

● MAKE your own Anansi character – a mythical spider in African folklore – with a craft session for children, at Wood Green Library, High Road, N22, from 2pm-3pm. Call 020 8489 2700.

MEETINGS

● COUNCIL meetings, Haringey Civic Centre, High Road, N22

Thursday, October 21:

● Standing Leadership Conference, from 6pm.

● Homes for Haringey Human Resources Committee, from 7pm.

Tuesday, October 22:

● Special Planning Committee, from 7pm.

Other meetings:

Thursday, October 21:

● Lordship Rec Users Forum, at Broadwater Farm Community Centre, Adams Road, N17, from 6.30pm-7.30pm.

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THE TOP FIVE

TOP five tips to curing a hangover, according to NHS Haringey:

1. Drink as much water as you can before bed
2. Take a painkiller if you really need it
3. Avoid dehydrating caffeine, like tea and coffee
4. Eat foods with potassium, like kiwi fruit and bananas
5. Take a gentle stroll and get some fresh air

Compiled by DAISY JESTICO

Son's art tribute to cancer death mum

A MOTHER who died of cancer is remembered in a giant photo-collage of Botticelli's *The Birth of Venus*.

Rob Seddon, 32, of Stapleton Hall Road, Stroud Green, entered the picture of his mother Susan for the massive collaborative work Everyone Is Art, currently displayed on a large screen in Piccadilly Circus.

Men and women across Europe affected by breast cancer uploaded photos of themselves or loved ones and the final 1,096 images were selected by British artist Samira Harris to recreate the Renaissance masterpiece.

Mr Seddon, a telecoms consultant, said: "It's the legacy of leaving something behind. My sister said I've now made mum famous because she's up in Piccadilly Circus in front of hundreds of thousands of people. It's incredible. She fought breast cancer and beat it and then a different type of cancer took her life. It's always been about mum. She was really brave."

His picture also features in the collage. Susan was diagnosed with breast cancer in July 2003 but was in remission for four years before cancer spread to her spine in April 2008 and quickly moved into her liver.

She died in December 2008 and since then her son has become a passionate advocate for the Samsung Pink Ribbon campaign and the charity Breakthrough Breast Cancer.

He is now working as an ambassador for the Everyone Is Art campaign, launched in association with 17 Europe-



■ THE collage of *The Birth of Venus*

an breast cancer charities including Breakthrough Breast Cancer in the UK, to raise awareness of the devastating disease which affects around 125 women a day in this country.

In May 2009 he raised £2,500 for the charity holding a boat party on the Thames and as a result Susan's name also features of the fourth Challenger's Wall at Breakthrough Breast Cancer's research centre in London.

"It's the warmth and the love of the guys that work at Breakthrough that's spurred me on to do more for them," said Mr Seddon. "It's all research and it's focused on finding a cure for breast cancer and that's what they're driven by."



■ ROB SEDDON