

# URMSTON PARTNERSHIP

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## ***Congratulations to County Grills***

Elizabeth 'Lillian' and Matthew Spanou recently celebrated 25 years of successful business in Urmston by treating their regular customers to cake and wine.

Lillian said "It's been hard work but I'd like to thank the staff and customers, old and new, for their support. I hope we will still be here to celebrate the regeneration of the town centre once it has all been finalised."



## ***Urmston Easter Egg Hunt 2007***



Pictured are some of the children who attended Urmston Library on 5<sup>th</sup> April to collect their Easter eggs and certificates from Bernard Murray, Chairman of Urmston Partnership. Needless to say they were all thrilled with their prizes and really enjoyed taking part in the competition.

The Partnership would like to thank the 20 businesses who donated Easter eggs as prizes.

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## ***A Taste of Trafford Food and Drink Festival 2007***



### *A Taste of Trafford*

Celebrate everything that's good about food and drink in Trafford's many restaurants, bars and speciality shops. With the success of two "Taste of Trafford" Festivals behind us we are now looking forward to this year's event.

Contact Kay Harwood on 0161 912 4502 [kay.harwood@trafford.gov.uk](mailto:kay.harwood@trafford.gov.uk) or Penny Bell 0161 912 4384 [penny.bell@trafford.gov.uk](mailto:penny.bell@trafford.gov.uk) if you are interested in taking part.

## ***UK Smoking Law Changes***

On 1<sup>st</sup> July 2007, the law on smoking in England is changing, make sure your business complies.

All businesses and organisations employing people, or with areas open to the public, will be affected when the smokefree legislation comes into force at 6am on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2007.

The legislation has been brought in to protect workers and the public from the health dangers of exposure to second-hand smoke. Exposure increases the risk of lung cancer by 24% and increases the risk of heart disease by 25%. Smoking is the single greatest cause of preventable illness and premature death in the UK, killing more than 120,000 people each year.

The Department of Health and Smokefree England has produced guidelines freely available to help businesses plan for the change. You can register now to receive the guidelines, signs, posters and other updates or view the information from Smokefree England on [www.smokefreeengland.co.uk](http://www.smokefreeengland.co.uk).

Telephone 0800 169 1697.



**Rate Relief for Small Businesses**

Trafford Council will be collecting around £130 million in business rates from over 8,000 businesses during 2007/08 on behalf of Central Government.

The small-business rate relief scheme was introduced in April 2005 by the Government to help reduce the rate burden on small businesses. Under this scheme, small businesses may be able to claim a reduction in their bill of up to 50%. This relief is only available to ratepayers who occupy either:

- One property, or
- One main property and other properties, as long as those other properties each have a rateable value of less than £2,200.

Details of how to apply for small business rate relief can be found by visiting Trafford Council's website, [www.trafford.gov.uk](http://www.trafford.gov.uk) or by ringing the Business Rates Section on 0161 912 2346.



**Marketing Sub-Group**

Urmston Partnership are looking to set up a Marketing sub-group.

Any businesses with an interest in marketing should contact Bernard Murray on 755 3171.

**URMSTON MUSICAL THEATRE**

Junior Section  
proudly presents

**WIZARD OF OZ**

at St. Antony's Catholic College,  
Bradfield Road, Urmston  
**15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> May 2007**

Email: [tickets@umt.org.uk](mailto:tickets@umt.org.uk)  
for ticket information or

ring Matt Darsley on 07784 460078



**Urmston Neighbourhood Forum**

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2007**

Venue: Flixton House, Flixton Road.

Neighbourhood Forums are the place to go if you have any particular/specific issues you want to resolve with the Council.

The open forum session between 6.00 p.m. and 7.00 p.m. allows you to discuss your issue in person with your local Councillor, Council officers or your local Police.

7.00 p.m. – 8.00 p.m. is the discussion forum. Topic to be advised.



