

# TV's Bellamy helps get message across

**This year's National Housing Conference was held at Harrogate in June.**

The theme was Building Communities: Making the Case for Housing in the run up to the government's next Comprehensive Spending Review. Throughout the conference speakers and delegates reinforced the message that the housing sector doesn't just provide homes - it supports educational achievements, reduces crime, improves health and makes a major contribution to the economic success of the United Kingdom. Campaigner and TV personality David Bellamy was on hand to reinforce the environmental message and was happy to meet Bournville tenants from the 2000+ Group, who were part of hundreds that attended from across the country.



• Beverley McIntosh (BVT resident), David Bellamy and Zoey Stanton (BVT)

## Event Alert!

Senior citizens are gearing up for the 2007 holiday - which will take place in Scotland.

The dates for the holiday, in Dunoon, are April 29 to May 5 and the cost is £192 per person.

**Further information from Marie Docker on 0121 270 0980.**

## Centenary celebrations in Belgium

Fifty local residents and staff joined the Friends of the Carillon in celebrating the Centenary of the Carillon by visiting the Medieval Carillon at Bruges, which dates from 1742. It was this which gave George Cadbury the idea and inspiration to have a Carillon in Bournville. Residents were entertained by Aime Lombaert, Carillonneur from Bruges, and Trevor Workman, Bournville's own Carillonneur at a concert held on Saturday September 16. Bournville Village Trust sponsored a lunch for all the residents and The Friends of the Carillon in Bruges.

# Trust invests in young people

**Bournville Village Trust was on hand to make awards to this year's winners at the Connexions Work Experience of the Year awards.**

Gloria Gain, Community Services Director from the Trust, sat on the judging panel and awarded the four winners gift vouchers for their exceptional efforts during their work experience.

Gloria said: "It's really important for BVT to invest in young people because they are the workforce of tomorrow and they need to be encouraged to help

learn the necessary skills needed to integrate into the pressures of today's workplace."

The Trust has worked with Connexions for over ten years and supports numerous projects including Ley Hill Gardens and school work initiatives which include team building, decision-making, leadership skills and assertiveness.

# Karren opens new centre

**The new £1.9 million Sports Hall and Business Centre designed by Bournville Architects was officially opened by the Chief Executive of Birmingham City Football Club, Karren Brady, earlier this year.**

The first lady of football stressed the importance of girls taking part in sport and business and released 250 balloons to start a balloon race before visitors viewed the brand new facilities.

The Project Architect from Bournville Architects said: "Both buildings have been designed as a statement to sport and high performance, and to encourage the pupils and wider community to use the facilities within. "The choice of materials used needs to reflect, not only the high performance ethos, but the need for quality and robustness and to fall within the strict budget requirements of the overall Lottery-funded schemes. "It has been a long process. However, there is enormous satisfaction, knowing that the schemes will bring so much joy to so many people."

Bournville Architects have also recently completed sport and community projects at other local schools including Selly Park Technology College for Girls, Shenley Court Specialist Art College and Harborne Hill Secondary School.

Three more sport hall projects are due for completion within the next few months at Dame Elizabeth Cadbury Technology College, Turves Green Boys School and Hunters Hill School in Bromsgrove.



• Bordesley Green Sports Hall and Business Centre

## Hi-tech unit for Telford School



• Pupils and staff in the new computer suite

in Donnington Wood was supplied with 33 new computers in the state-of-the-art unit. The new centre will not just be used by pupils - parents and other community groups and schools in the area can use the facilities as well.

The Project Architect for Bournville Architects said: "We are very proud to be a part of this initiative and feel the new centre will benefit the whole community."

**A new computer suite costing £400,000 at a Telford primary school, designed by Bournville Architects, has been unveiled.**

The Information Communication Technology and Resource Centre at St Matthew's Primary School

### Event Alert!

The Young People's Conference will take place on December 16 at Epic Skate Park, in Moseley. Youngsters are urged to come along and join in the fun workshops including DJ-ing, skateboarding and rock climbing. The event runs from 5pm to 11pm. You will also be able to find out how you can make a difference to your area by volunteering or joining the Bournville Youth Forum. The evening will end with a buffet and disco.

**To book your place contact Rebecca Debenham on 0121 270 0980.**