

## Award for business brain Charmaine

A BUSINESS Studies graduate from the University of Greenwich has scooped a prestigious award in a youth enterprise scheme.

Charmaine Kemp, 28, runs a company that refurbishes mobility scooters and power chairs and sells them on at greatly reduced prices. Ms Kemp was nominated South and South Eastern Young Entrepreneur of the Year at the Shell LiveWire awards ceremony last month.

The panel of judges included Duncan Bannatyne, of TV's *Dragons' Den* programme. Ms Kemp's company, Wheelie Good Mobility (WGM), ensures that the vehicles become affordable to many people, saving them from being discarded and ending up in landfill.

She said: "There is a huge second-hand car market in this country, so it seemed to me that a similar market in high quality, mobility goods had a chance of success. There is also a great reward for me in seeing people gaining mobility, when once they'd been stuck inside because they couldn't afford a scooter."



Charmaine Kemp

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# Park cafe opens after a five-year campaign

By JULIA LEWIS

A PARK friends group is celebrating the opening of a new cafe.

The Friends of Avery Hill Park conducted a five-year campaign to replace the old cafe in the park after it was destroyed by arson in September 2005.

A temporary container was used as a cafe until May this year, when work started on the new building. It has been paid for by insurance money from the old building and the sale of West Lodge, a council-owned house at the Bexley Road entrance to the park.

The Friends helped Greenwich council with the design of the new, one-storey cafe, operated by Town & Country Catering, which consists of one large, L-shaped area and public toilets.

Paul McQuillen, chairman of the Friends, said: "It is made out of clay bricks, which look like breeze blocks but are fired at a low temperature so the carbon footprint is very low.

"It has very high thermal efficiency.

"The idea of the building is that it conforms to the highest possible efficiency standards achievable within the £300,000 budget."

Heating is provided by a ground-



From left, Tim Delap, Lucy Villani, Paul McQuillen, Michelle Edwards and Maria Pelle

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source heat pump and rainwater is used to flush the toilets. The doors are fitted with extra-thick double-glazed panels.

Mr McQuillen added: "It is the fulfillment of a five-year campaign to see this cafe reopen. It is at the heart of our park and people come from far and wide to visit it."

Cllr John Fahy, Greenwich council's cabinet member for culture and the Olympics, attended the official opening

on October 23.

He said: "The cafe is more than just a place to get a cuppa, it's the meeting point for park users of all ages throughout the year.

"We are extremely grateful to the Friends of Avery Hill Park for their support in the development of this project, and for the work that they do year-round for community involvement in this popular park."

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## Breakfast Club has right moves

A DANCE troupe that originated at a performing arts college in Charlton has won a regional talent competition. The Breakfast Club, pictured above, was announced the winner of the Docklands Light Railway (DLR) Dance To London's Rhythm competition after being judged by a panel headed by choreographer-to-the-stars David Wood.

The first prize was a private choreography session and a showreel video to help the group promote itself more

widely. The Breakfast Club, which has been rehearsing as a group for only about four months, was formed after the two founding members met at The Centre Performing Arts College in Bowater Road, and launched a search for more members on Facebook. Along with dancers and dance groups from South-east and east London, they uploaded a video of themselves performing to the DLR's Facebook page. DLR shortlisted the best acts and invited them to the final

audition day at the Stratford Circus arts venue, near the Olympics site, on October 23. Mr Wood said: "The Breakfast Club demonstrated excellent style and energy with clean choreography. They will certainly benefit from the choreography session, which should help bring out their potential and polish their current routine." Founder member Jono Kitchens said: "We are really proud to have won the competition and thank the judges for selecting us."