

MP takes a spin in new education hub

KINGSTON and Surbiton MP James Berry rolled up his sleeves for a pottery session as he sampled the borough's adult education services.

The Conservative MP visited the newly refurbished pottery studios at the Malden Centre, in Blagdon Road, on Monday for the class.

The centre offers more than 100 courses for residents aged 16 or over, including diverse hobbies such as pilates, badminton, flower arranging, bellydancing and language classes.

Sue Wilson, adult education manager at the Malden Centre, said: "At a time where many adult education centres are seeing closures, budget cuts and facing some really tough times, our programme of activities



New skills: Mr Berry and Tessa Eastman KT96903

is flourishing. The past 12 months has seen interest in pottery surge."

The centre is run by UK leisure management group Places for People, which is currently developing its adult education programme in New Malden.