

# Variety at the Green

EXPECT the unexpected in Edmonton Green Shopping Centre on Saturday.

Pop into the market and you might be distracted by a little street theatre; stop for coffee and you can enjoy a side order of comedy; take a peep from behind your newspaper and there might be a troupe of African acrobats about to do something spectacular.

Between 11am and 3pm the shopping centre is hosting



performances from three acclaimed arts groups: The Black Eagles, The Gossips and Swank Be Prepared.

"We're making shopping at Edmonton Green fun," said centre manager Adrian Gillings.

"And we're expecting many people will also take the opportunity to enjoy our cafés and restaurants while they're here.

"I think many will be surprised at just how much they can do in one visit."

The Black Eagles, originally from Tanzania, have become firm favourites at festivals

in the past few years. They have performed right across Europe as well as in the UK, including Womad and Glastonbury, the Royal Albert Hall and for the Queen's Jubilee.

Vi and Vi, on the other hand, have never really



**ENTERTAINMENT: The Black Eagles, above, bring their skills from Africa while The Gossips, left, give a flavour of life much closer to home**

left the street where they live. These two 1950s housewives gossip about anything and everything, throwing out their *Carry On*-style double-entendres with lots of jokes in their alarmingly bad make-up.

Finally, Swank Be Prepared will bring along some of their distinctive colourful creations, which include check-out girls, bold, beehived usherettes, the green-fingered Margery Mayflower and Rosemary Bush, and the makeover madness of Lavatoire de Swank.