

# IN FOCUS STRATFORD AND WEST HAM

July 2011

## Pupils enjoying a lesson in partnership

Pupils at Stratford's Colegrave School are leading the way in showing that young children across the country can benefit from the Olympic and Paralympic Games.

The school in Henniker Road has twinned with Darton Primary in South Yorkshire as part of a ground-breaking sporting and cultural partnership between Newham and Barnsley Councils.

With the 2012 Games as a catalyst, the boroughs are sharing expertise across a range of fields including sport, culture, volunteering, health and enterprise.

Stratford and New Town ward councillors Richard Crawford and Terry Paul joined Mayor Sir Robin Wales, Barnsley Central MP Dan Jarvis and West Ham MP Lyn Brown



From left Cllr Paul, Cllr Crawford, Ms Brown, Sir Robin, Colegrave head teacher Christine Alexander, Mr Jarvis, and Darton head teacher Mike Porter with pupils

to see the legacy partnership in action and took part in sporting and fun activities with children.

Councillor Crawford said: "The Games are relevant across the country. They are a way to connect with local communities and encourage them to do things together."

Both schools received Inspiring People plaques, which recognise their work around the Olympic and Paralympic values of courage, determination, equality, excellence, friendship, inspiration and respect.

Mr Jarvis said: "I have already said in the House of Commons that this link up should be used as an example to other schools and councils across the country.

"Sport is an exceptional mechanism for breaking down cultural, social and religious barriers, and bringing people closer together. As the Olympics draw nearer, the children will learn more about each other's backgrounds through their visits to one another's schools and, of course, come together in July 2012 to cheer on Team GB."



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## Fancy footwork at forum finals



A Cage player takes control on the pitch

More than 900 active adults and energetic under 16s let their feet do the talking at community forum football and sprint competitions.

Tournaments were held across the borough with the finals for both sprints and football taking place at Memorial Park, E15.

The free competitions, run with support from Leyton Orient Football Club, West Ham Community Sport Trust and Newham and Essex Beagles, offered guidance for runners and players.

At the under 14s male football semi finals, Tempo, representing Stratford and West Ham missed their chance to play in the final, losing to Cage representing East Ham. But there was success for A Team in the under 16s male final, who won 4-3 against King Ballerz from Forest Gate.

All finalists received trophies, presented by Newham Young Mayor Ali Mohamed, with the winners receiving a tour of Wembley Stadium.

**To find out more about football, sprint and running sessions in the borough turn to the What's On pages of the Newham Mag or email [getactive@newham.gov.uk](mailto:getactive@newham.gov.uk)**



## Spruce up your area

Everyone is invited to roll up their sleeves and join Stratford and West Ham community forum councillors on Friday 22 July from 2-5pm for a community planting and clean up day.

Anyone interested should meet at the corner of Hartland Road and Vicarage Lane, E15, at 2pm.

The clean up will take place in and around Aileen Walk, Hartland Road, Skelley Road, Devenay Road and Edward Temme Avenue.

As well as councillors, police officers from the Safer

Neighbourhoods Team are taking part. The planting will culminate in refreshments at Vicarage Lane Community Centre where Zumba classes are now held on Mondays from 7pm to 8pm.

Free cake decorating workshops also begin there on Saturdays between 2pm and 5pm from 23 July. The final class will be at the Stratford Festival on 20 August where people can showcase their cakes.

**For details of all activities call Laura Beswick on 020 3373 6045.**

## BIG LUNCH IS A RECIPE FOR COMMUNITY SPIRIT

Almost 100 people put dealing with neighbourhood problems on the menu when they gathered for a tasty treat.

The Chandos Big Lunch took place at the Chandos Community Centre in Colegrave Road and arose after concerned residents decided to get together to deal with the noise pollution, drug dealing, littering and dog fouling that was plaguing where they lived.

Residents, officers from the police Safer Neighbourhoods Team, councillors and council officers decided on a lunch to bring the community together. Local nurseries, schools, firefighters and West Ham Air Cadets all helped to ensure the



Cllr Crawford joins the hula hoop session

event was a success. As well as food on offer there was Zumba and hula hoop sessions and a tug-of-war.

Resident Lisa Spencer said: "The food was amazing and we felt we reached across the community to people that we would otherwise never get to know. It is the beginning of a community-wide relationship."

The Zumba class takes place at Chandos on Fridays from 6.30-7.30pm. For more details contact [Zumbamina@gmail.com](mailto:Zumbamina@gmail.com)

**To find out about resident's meetings contact [chandoscommunitygroup@hotmail.com](mailto:chandoscommunitygroup@hotmail.com)**

# Get set for a shed load of fun

A festival of art, music, film, fashion – and sheds – is taking place across Stratford on Sunday 24 July.

At least 13 sheds with something for everyone make up SHEDspace, the first event presented by arts consortium Stratford Rising and supported by Stratford Renaissance Partnership and Newham Council.

Between noon and 7pm you will be able to do a range of activities from blogging about the Olympics at the Media Hub shed to contributing to a public art project with artist Thurle Wright.

Where you can find the Sheds

Presented by Stratford Rising  
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- Thurle Wright Box Shed
- A New Direction 2012 Blog Shed
- Swishing Shed
- Urban Sounds & Moves Shed
- Miniscule Olympics Shed
- Circus Shed
- Theatre Shed
- Designer Maker Shed
- Cinema Shed
- Victorian Toy Theatre Shed
- Peter Gregson Soundscape Shed
- Discover Children's Story Shed
- Dining Across 5 Continents Shed

You can watch performances at a specially constructed Victorian toy theatre shed, take part in the miniscule Olympics, get fashion advice, watch a fashion show at

the fashion shed and take part in a clothes swap-shop. There are also stories from the Discover Centre's shed, food from across five continents and music.

## DO YOU HAVE THE WRITE STUFF?



If you're aged under-16 and live in the Stratford and West Ham community forum put pen to paper and take part in the Right Here, Write Now creative writing competition.

Your work should be no more than 300 words and can be a short story, poem, imaginary letter or scene from a play. You should base your piece on one of the following three themes:

- > an alien lands in Stratford
- > a funny story from school
- > if I was in charge of the 2012 Olympic Games.

Entries will be divided into under-ten and under-16 categories. Winners each receive a £20 book token

and runners-up receive a £10 book token.

The closing date for entries is 20 August. Bring your submission to the Stratford Summer Festival or send it to Laura Beswick, Democratic Services, Newham Dockside, 1000 Dockside Road, London E16 2QU. You must include your name, age, school and contact number of a parent or carer.

Bring your entry to the Right Here, Write Now tent at the Stratford Summer Festival at Stratford Park on Saturday 20 August. If you're stuck for ideas, from 12-4pm you can brainstorm with the experts at creative writing workshops.

# Spotlight on...Grow your own for the Mayor's Newham Show

**If you missed the merriment of the Sunday Fun Day, mark Saturday 16 and Sunday 17 July in your diary now for the event of the year - the Mayor's Newham Show.**

The two-day extravaganza plans to top last year's event, which saw around 50,000 people flock to East Ham's Central Park to enjoy sun, sand and superb entertainment.

Making a welcome return this year is the Grow Your Own competition where the borough's best gardeners battle it out to see who has the greenest fingers.

The competition categories are:

- > biggest lettuce
- > biggest rhubarb
- > biggest strawberry.

If you're better with flour than flowers, get baking and see if your creation is worthy of being

crowned Newham's best tasting and best decorated cake.

Competitions will be held on both days of the Show. Entries will be judged by Mayor Sir Robin Wales, with the best producer walking away with a rosette. Produce must be your own. To register your interest email [competitions@newham.gov.uk](mailto:competitions@newham.gov.uk)

**To read more about this year's show turn to page 20 of the Newham Mag.**



## WHAT'S ON STRATFORD AND WEST HAM

### **SHEDspace**

24 July from 12-7pm, a festival of art, music, film, fashion and sheds across Stratford Town Centre. See Page 3

### **Newham Stroke Club walk to Olympic Park, 31 July.**

Meet Stratford Station at 12pm. Call Abdul Shakoor on 07852 387633.

### **Bicycle security, maintenance and safety event**

Friday 29 July, 4-7pm, Stratford Station. You need photo ID to have your bike security marked.

**For even more things to do check out the What's On in Newham calendar, where you'll find listings for more than 6,000 events visit [www.newham.com](http://www.newham.com)**

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## MEET YOUR LOCAL COUNCILLOR

**Councillors out and about:** If you would like a councillor to visit your community organisation, school, place of worship, meeting or event please call 020 3373 6045 or email [laura.beswick@newham.gov.uk](mailto:laura.beswick@newham.gov.uk)  
To email your local councillor write [firstname.lastname@newham.gov.uk](mailto:firstname.lastname@newham.gov.uk) e.g. [richard.crawford@newham.gov.uk](mailto:richard.crawford@newham.gov.uk)



Richard Crawford



Charlene McLean



Terry Paul



Freda Bourne



John Gray



Ron Manley

### **Stratford and Newtown Ward**

Every Saturday  
10.30am  
St John's Church  
Stratford Broadway, E15

### **West Ham Ward**

Cllr Bourne  
Second Saturday of the month  
10 - 11am Rokeby Community Centre,  
Rokeby Street, E15  
Fourth Saturday of the month  
10 - 11am Vicarage Lane Community Centre,  
Vicarage Lane, E15

Cllr Gray  
Third Saturday of the month  
10 - 11am Rokeby Community Centre,

Rokeby Street, E15  
Second Saturday of the month  
10 - 11am Vicarage Lane Community Centre,  
Vicarage Lane, E15

Cllr Manley  
First Saturday of the month  
10 - 11am Rokeby Children's Centre, Rokeby  
Street, E15  
Fourth Saturday of the month  
10 - 11am Leather Gardens TA, 1st Floor,  
Brassett Point, Abbey Road, Stratford, E15

**Need to talk to Mayor Sir Robin Wales?** Being an elected mayor, Sir Robin is directly accountable to you. Look out for Question Time times and dates in the Newham Mag, visit [www.newham.gov.uk/mayor](http://www.newham.gov.uk/mayor) or call 020 3373 0437.