

IN FOCUS ROYAL DOCKS

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NURSERY SHOWS THE ROYALS ARE GOOD FOR BUSINESS

Community lead councillor Steve Brayshaw has urged start up businesses to follow the lead of company director Tina Ratnasothy and come to the Royal Docks.

Tina, 27, has opened Tiny Town Daycare nursery at West Silvertown's Britannia Village Hall in Evelyn Road, but says the location of her new business is thanks to the internet.

Tina, from west London, was looking for community centre premises there. She posted details into an internet search engine, but up popped charity West Silvertown Village Community Foundation who manage Britannia Village Hall.

Tina said: "I wasn't looking at East London or Royal Docks in particular but when I saw what the area had to offer I realised it was a great place to start a business.

"I wanted to open a nursery in a tight-knit community. Britannia Village Hall is the focus of a unique community and had it all, including a surgery and pharmacy on site and a primary school next door."

The nursery is open weekdays from 8am to 6pm for children aged two to five. It has been approved



Nursery staff, from left, Alice Phillips, Micha Chudasama, Tina and Farida Begum with children

by Government inspectors and provides wrap around care with the pre-school and reception classes at Britannia Village School.

Councillor Brayshaw, who also chairs the trustees of the community foundation, said: "We want to attract new investment, new jobs, new homes and new people to Royal

Docks. Businesses should look to follow Tina's example."

For details of the nursery call 0207 511 2530. For details about business opportunities in the Royal Docks call 020 3373 7373 or email newhambusinessdesk@newham.gov.uk

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Newham London

Pub boss fined over conditions



The landlady of the Royal Standard pub in North Woolwich has been fined a total of £4,600 for allowing people to live above the pub in squalid conditions.

Wendy Muscat was convicted at Stratford Magistrates Court on ten charges of poor management and one of failing to licence.

An inspection in January by Newham Council, the police and fire service, found communal areas to be dirty and damp and there was a broken window to a shared toilet. The automatic fire alarm system was not up to standard and fire extinguishers were last serviced in 2003.

Royal Docks ward councillor Tony McAlmont said: "The council is cracking down on landlords who do not properly licence their properties. It is not fair on the tenants who are living in these properties and on those landlords who do adhere to the law. We will continue to take enforcement action against those who choose to flaunt housing legislation."

NEIGHBOURHOOD IS NOT A DUMPING GROUND



Some of the items found dumped

An old bed, cupboard and broken television were among items discovered dumped on the streets of North Woolwich during a community forum walkabout.

Royal Docks ward councillor Tony McAlmont went on patrol with Newham Council's enforcement officers around Woodman Street and Claremont Close to identify environmental issues.

They discovered various items on the streets as well as rubbish in gardens and overgrown foliage. The rubbish was examined for clues on who had left it. Residents were also told about the council's service to collect large or bulky items free of charge.



Councillor McAlmont said: "Royal Docks councillors are determined to provide a clean neighbourhood for residents. Where there are issues on the council's land they will be resolved. Issues on private land will be dealt with by our enforcement team through prosecutions which could lead to financial penalties."

Call 0208 430 2000 for details on free large or bulky household waste collections.

WAKEBOARDING DECISION IS DELAYED

Plans to build temporary wakeboarding facilities in the Royal Docks have been deferred by Newham councillors.

The council's Strategic Development Committee considered proposals last month that would see the erection of cable tows measuring 150 and 170 metres and two six-metre-high moveable towers.

Wakeboarding is a fast-growing sport which involves a rider on a single board being pulled along by an

overhead cable-ski system. Councillors decided to defer a decision to take a more detailed look at the design and other issues.

The applicants, Wakeup London, want to operate the facilities on the western end of Royal Victoria Dock for two years. If given the go-ahead, it would involve 16 full-time and part-time staff, working on shift basis. The proposals were deferred until the next committee meeting on 18 October.

OWNERS MUST TAKE THE LEAD ON DIRTY DOGS

Dog owners in the Royal Docks community forum area are encouraged to take the lead and be responsible for the behaviour of their pets.

Two events are being staged by Newham Council for people to get free advice on caring for their animals and micro-chipping their pets. They take place on Saturday 22 October at Britannia Village Green, Evelyn Road, West Silvertown, from 11am to 4pm and on Monday 24 October in Royal Victoria Gardens, Albert Road, North Woolwich, from 10am to 2pm.

The sessions will also allow people to discuss the council's plans to extend dog control orders to cover all open air public accessible land such as green space on housing estates and car parks. Public consultation on



Cllr Brayshaw with Dalibar Lukac and the new equipment

the matter ends on 25 October.

All road sweepers in the Royal Docks area have been issued with special tools called Handiscoops to clean up dog mess. They also have new machines to wash mess away.

Community lead councillor Steve

Brayshaw said: "Many people are fed up with some dog owners who allow their pets to run wild and foul our streets. This is not acceptable."

For more information about the dog ownership events contact Chris Bennett on 020 3373 2920.



The pontoon bridge

BRIDGE FOR GAMES SPECTATORS

Britain's largest temporary pontoon – specially created for the 2012 Games – was tested during the recent WorldSkills exhibition at the ExCeL centre.

The 180-metre floating walkway, funded by the Olympic Delivery Authority, was built from reused shipping containers. It offers more transport options at ExCeL, which

will stage 13 events during the Games, by cutting across Royal Victoria Dock and saving people a 750-metre walk to the nearest crossing point.

Spectators will be able to cross the pontoon and make their way along a new footpath at Silvertown Quay and into Pontoon Dock DLR station via a temporary bridge

across North Woolwich Road.

The walkway has a 15-metre gate to allow boats to pass into the dock. It has been partially dismantled and will be fully reassembled in time for the Games.

ODA Director of Transport Hugh Sumner said: "We have had to call into play a variety of innovative measures to keep people moving."

Spotlight on... on crime and disorder



Take a close look at these CCTV images, do you recognise anyone? Newham Police want to speak to these people in connection with the disturbances experienced in London this summer.

Since August, Newham Council has been supporting the police's efforts to hold those involved in looting and disorder to account. Since August, the Newham Mag

has hosted images of suspected criminals up to no good. An unprecedented response from residents and business has identified many culprits but these people are still wanted for questioning.

We need your help. If you have any information that could help the police, call 020 8217 5078 or Crimestoppers, in confidence, on 0800 555 1111.

WHAT'S ON ROYAL DOCKS

If you are out of work, two free employment workshops are taking place at Royal Docks Learning & Activity Centre, Albert Road, E16. They are: 7 November, presentation skills; 21 November, interview skills. Both are 10am to 1pm. To book call 020 7476 1666.

Creative dance classes for toddlers to teenagers, run by London Dance Studio, take place at Britannia Village Hall, Evelyn Road, E16. For information call 07930 358608 or visit www.londondancestudio.co.uk

The Asta Community Hub in Camel Road, E16, offers a varied programme of community activities covering family support, youth activities, sports and play events. For details call 020 7476 5023

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

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MEET YOUR LOCAL COUNCILLOR

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To email your local councillor write firstname.lastname@newham.gov.uk e.g. steve.brayshaw@newham.gov.uk



Steve Brayshaw



Patrick Murphy



Anthony McAlmont

Royal Docks Ward surgeries

First and third Thursday of the month (alternating), 7pm
Britannia Village Hall
65 Evelyn Road, E16

Second and fourth Thursday of the month (alternating), 7pm
The Royal Docks Learning and Activity Centre, Albert Road, E16

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 or call 020 3373 0437.