

IN FOCUS EAST HAM

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Wicket new facilities at Flanders Field

Budding young cricketers have turned out in force to launch new high-tech sports facilities in Flanders Field, Napier Road.

Crowds of cricketing kids came along for a really wicket time at the unveiling of the revamped facilities, where they were joined by East Ham councillors Ian Corbett and Unmesh Desai.

Flanders is benefitting from a £40,000 windfall from the England and Wales Cricket Board, cricket's governing body, government agency Sport England and Newham Council. The money will be spent on a state-of-the-art artificial cricket training facility and a new match wicket.

This will allow for double the amount of games to be played at Flanders during the season.



Youngsters line up to bowl



Youngsters put their best feet forward at the unveiling of the revamped cricket facilities

“These facilities will provide yet another way for Newham residents to get fit in the run-up to the Olympic Games next year. It’s great to see so many young people with a passion for sport.”

Organisers say schools, colleges and local clubs will now have greater access to play matches and coach players to a top standard.

The facility is just a bowl away from Brampton Manor School, where England star Ravi Bopara used to be a pupil.

Cllr Unmesh Desai said: “These facilities will provide yet another way for Newham residents to get fit in the run-up to the Olympic Games next year. It’s great to see so many young people with a passion for sport.”

With the Olympic Games just a year away, there are more and more opportunities locally for you to get fit doing the sport you like best. To find out what’s on near you, visit www.newham.gov.uk/whatson

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Don't be out for the count



Census collectors are going door-to-door in East Ham to offer help with completing the forms and ensuring the questionnaires are returned.

The census is important for Newham in making sure that the borough receives a fair allocation of funding from central Government. It means the council can deliver the essential services that residents say are important, such as cleaner streets, better healthcare, community protection and education.

Each census form is worth at least £6,000 from the Government over the next ten years. In previous years a census undercount of at least 20,000 has meant Newham has lost out on millions of pounds in funding.

The census collectors are warning people that they face the risk of a fine or prosecution should a form not be returned.

Posters are also going up around the borough explicitly warning that residents risk a £1,000 fine and a criminal record if the form is not completed.



Cllr Shah joins East Ham residents at the party in Café in the Park

Party in the park, as well as the streets

Newham had the third highest number of street parties across London over the period of St. George's Day and the Royal Wedding.

Christina McDonald, East Ham ACT member, was one of the many residents who organised a party to celebrate the Royal Wedding on 29 April and get local people to meet each other.

The get-together was held at Café in the Park, Central Park. More than 150 people of all ages and

backgrounds attended the party, with food and drinks provided by the Café. There was also entertainment in the form of 70s and 80s music and bhangra.

Cllr Lakmini Shah, of East Ham South Ward, said: "The party was a great opportunity for many to meet new friends and get to know their neighbours for the first time.

"Events like this are a great way to build community spirit and we hope to have more of them in future."

LOCALS MEET THEIR COUNCILLOR

Visitors to the Monday Lunch Club at the Kitchen Table Café which is held at St. Bart's Church Community Centre, on Barking Road, had the opportunity to meet their local councillor over a tasty three-course lunch.

They discussed local issues and priorities for East Ham. Cllr Lakmini Shah, Community Lead Councillor for East Ham, met with

20 residents to inform them about her role as a councillor, to promote the Active Community Team (ACT) volunteer programme, local projects and events and listen to views of residents on fly tipping, young people, crime and ASB.

An East Ham ACT volunteer also attended to speak about the benefits of getting involved in the local area.

Cllrs Unmesh Desai and Omana Gangadharan with Lucy



One of the original residents of Hedgerow Court, a Hanover Housing ExtraCare development that provides retirement housing for the elderly, celebrated her 100th birthday on Tuesday 17 May.

Ms Lucy Barnes first moved into Hedgerow in June 2007 when it opened and has lived in the borough all her life.

Lucy received a birthday card from the Queen, which acknowledged her centenary, and she also posed for photos with her family, friends and staff at the facility.

Councillors Unmesh Desai and Omana Gangadharan attended to present a bouquet of flowers and to congratulate her on her milestone celebration.

The councillors also met Lucy's family members, the youngest being seven-month old Bobby who slept throughout the event, and other residents of Hedgerow Court who together enjoyed a sing-song and birthday tea to mark the special occasion.

100TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

OUTDOOR COMMUNITY CUISINE



Pack a picnic, bring a blanket and spend an afternoon with your neighbours at the Big Lunch, at Central Park on Sunday 5 June.

Activities on the day include henna art, face painting and workshops on how to make flower rosettes. There

will also be opportunities to swap plants and seeds, learn how to grow your own or cut out the hard work and buy plants from the stall. Café in the Park will be selling hot picnic lunches.

Everyone is welcome to the free event, which takes place from 1-5pm

in and around Café in the Park, although children aged under 16 will need to be accompanied by an adult.

For more information about the Big Lunch visit www.thebiglunch.com or turn to page 11 of the Newham Mag.

Spotlight on... new look Newham.com

If you don't already know about Newham.com, it is worth a click – and now even more than before, as we've given it a makeover.

Newham.com is the website that's all about the borough, minus the council business. It's a handy hub for all things Newham, and now it's even handier.

No longer will you need to wade through loads of search results for things to do in your area, or remember individual web addresses for local hotspots – you can just add Newham.com to your favourites and it's all been done for you. If you've just moved to the borough it's a great way to get an overview of what's on.

The new-look site has been divided into easy-to-use sections: live, visit, work, invest and business. Under each of these you can find lots

of sub-sites, each of them packed with information about your area.

We've launched a new community page under the 'Live' section where local groups can promote their activities. If you run a local group, get in touch using the details below.



We're also helping visitors out with information on the tourist offer in the borough, detailing where to stay, things to see, where to eat out and shop.

If you're looking for work we have some information on writing a good CV, job search dos and don'ts and how volunteering can help you.

Local businesses should also keep an eye on the site as we will be adding more and more to this section over the coming months.

If you've got something to add to Newham.com, get in touch by emailing info@newham.com or calling 020 3373 2752.

WHAT'S ON EAST HAM

Roman Road Mini Play and Community Day

Sunday 5 June 12noon-4pm
on Roman Road green space, E6
Range of games and activities for children

'Big Lunch' - bring a picnic and chat with neighbours, family and friends and enjoy live music and DJ

Meet your local Councillors Litter Walk

11am-12noon - meet on Roman Road green space 10.30am to collect equipment

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

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 3578 or email kim.vasa@newham.gov.uk
To email your local councillor write firstname.lastname@newham.gov.uk e.g. kevin.jenkins@newham.gov.uk



Kevin Jenkins OBE



Rev. Quintin Peppiatt



Lakmini Shah



Ian Corbett



Unmesh Desai



Mary Skyers



Ormana Gangadharan



Lester Hudson



Ted Sparrowhawk

East Ham South Ward

Cllr Jenkins
Every Saturday (except bank holidays), 9.30-11am
Brampton Primary School, Masterman Road,
East Ham, E6

First and third Saturday of the month
(except bank holidays), 1- 3pm
Roman Road Primary School, Roman Road, E6

Cllrs Peppiatt and Shah
Every Saturday (alternating), 10am
Vicarage Lane Primary School, Vicarage Lane,
East Ham, E6

East Ham Central Ward

Cllrs Corbett and Desai
Every Friday, 5.30-6.30pm
Committee Room 3, Newham Town Hall,
Barking Road
East Ham, E6

Cllr Skyers
First Saturday of the month, 10-11am
The Hartley Centre, 267 Barking Road
East Ham, E6

Wall End Ward

Cllr Gangadharan
Second Saturday of the month, 10am-12noon

Cllr Hudson
Fourth Saturday of the month, 10am-12noon
Altmore School, Altmore Avenue, East Ham, E6

Cllr Sparrowhawk
First and third Saturday of the month
10.30am-12noon
Nelson Primary School
Caretaker's house, Napier Road
East Ham, E6

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.