

IN FOCUS CUSTOM HOUSE & CANNING TOWN

September 2011



Rokeby pupils celebrate their GCSE success

Canning Town schools celebrate GCSE success

Schools in Canning Town are celebrating another year of excellent GCSE results.

Both Rokeby School and Eastlea Community School performed well. Despite the disruption caused by its move from Stratford into new buildings in Barking Road, Canning Town, Rokeby had 63 per cent of its pupils receive grades A* to C.

Eastlea Community School was the most improved school in the borough, rising 20 percentage points from 29 per cent to 49 per cent.

Throughout Newham, this year's results are the biggest annual rise since 2004 and the percentage

of young people achieving five or more A* to C GCSEs or equivalent including English and Maths – the Government's gold standard – rose from 52 per cent in 2010 to 58 per cent this year. This is an increase of six per cent and a figure which exceeds this year's local authority target of 55 per cent.

Councillor Quintin Peppiatt, executive member for children and

young people, said: "I'm delighted that our schools continue to show improvement in their results. It is a testament to the hard work of the borough's head teachers, teachers and staff.

"It is lovely seeing so many excited faces and knowing that our pupils will go on to do some excellent things in the future. This is the real face of young people in London."

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Canning Town and Custom House Neighbourhood Meetings

As a resident living in Canning Town and Custom House, neighbourhood meetings are the perfect place for you to come and speak to representatives from Newham Council about issues of concern.

At these meetings you can get updates about what's going on in the area and help on any issues you might have. Meetings are held on the following dates:

**Freemasons Road
Neighbourhood Meeting**

6.30pm, Thursday 6
October

The Cundy Centre,
Hartington Road

**Canning Town Centre
Neighbourhood Meeting**

6.30pm, Wednesday
12 October

The Hub, Star Lane

**Fife Road Neighbourhood
Meeting**

6.30pm, Tuesday 18
October

Keir Hardie Methodist
Church, Fife Road

**Keir Hardie
Neighbourhood Meeting**

6.30pm, Tuesday 25
October

River Christian Centre,
Vincent Street

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CUSTOM HOUSE TO HOST THE NATION'S BIGGEST FIREFIGHTER EVENT

The country's biggest firefighter event, UK Rescue Challenge London 2011, will be hosted at ExCeL next week.

The free two-day event will give residents the opportunity to experience first hand how firefighters in the capital and across the country undertake a range of complex rescues. From cutting trapped people out of crashed cars and rescuing casualties from water to providing medical care, fire crews' skills will be tested to the limit.

In addition to the challenge, the event will also feature a community safety village where visitors will be able to learn how to prevent and escape from fires. Other demonstrations will include a fire investigation sniffer dogs exercise and complex water rescue in the docks.

Newham borough commander Wayne Brown said: "The job of a firefighter is now about far more than



just putting out fires. Our crews are routinely being called on to carry out complex rescues from water, crashed cars and unsafe buildings.

"We are hoping Newham's residents and their friends and families will show us their support by turning up at the event and seeing for themselves what we do to keep them safe."

**For further information go
to www.london-fire.gov.uk/
UKRescue2011**

DOZENS BRAVE RAIN TO ATTEND DISCOVERY DAY

Residents flocked to Canning Town Recreation Ground on a rainy Saturday to find out more about what the park had to offer.

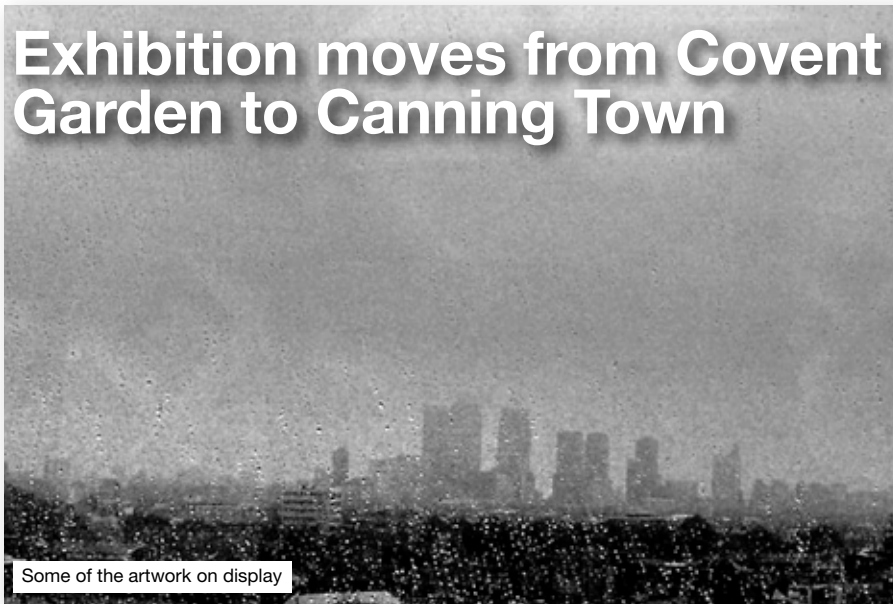
The discovery day organised by Newham Council was held last month following a series of improvements made over the last 18 months. These improvements



included new hedgerows, railings and benches in the cycle speedway club area, a sensory garden, sand play area and outdoor gym equipment.

On the day visitors had the opportunity to enjoy the new improvements in the park and learn about the local wildlife through various nature-themed activities.

Exhibition moves from Covent Garden to Canning Town



Some of the artwork on display



A photography exhibition which was first shown in Covent Garden will be moving to a gallery in Canning Town.

Capture is a collection of work produced by photography students at the Rosetta Arts Centre in Stratford. From 16 September, it will be available to view at the Rosetta Windows Gallery in Canning Town.

The exhibition was previously shown at Café Eterno on Neal Street, Covent Garden, and marks the culmination of the students' studies in photography at the Rosetta Centre. The photography course at the centre is specially designed for adults and allows

students to explore digital photography techniques and manipulation through Photoshop as well as traditional black and white techniques using a darkroom. The students showing their work have been studying either AS levels or ABC awards in photography, whilst the art centre also offers the full A Level as well as non-accredited short courses in photography.

The exhibition will be available to view until Wednesday 15 October. The gallery is open 10am to 5.30pm Monday to Thursday.

For more information visit www.RosettaArts.org

TRANSFORMING SERVICES

The council is transforming the way it delivers services to ensure it provides the best quality and value for money for residents. It will be offering better access to services by giving you new ways to do business with the council.

As part of this transformation, the council is investing in libraries by refurbishing many of them and introducing enhanced self-service options for residents that will make your transactions quicker and easier. Canning Town Library is the first to be fully refurbished and will re-open in September 2011.

Next in line will be Stratford Library and Beckton Globe Library, both of which will be closed for refurbishment from 5.30pm on Saturday 17 September and re-open in spring 2012. Stratford Library will re-open as a Customer Service Centre and Library, and will have a range of self-service options to help you resolve your enquiry quickly and easily.

If you wish to reserve items during the refurbishment period or visit another of Newham's libraries find out more by going to www.newham.gov.uk and clicking on Entertainment and Leisure, then Libraries.

NEW LINK IS A RAIL BOOST

Residents from the Canning Town and Custom House area now have a direct rail link with the new Westfield Stratford development and Stratford International station.

The £211m Docklands Light Railways from Canning Town to Stratford International opened on 31 August, almost a year before the 2012 Games. It includes four new fully accessible stations, including one at Star Lane.

The new DLR extension offers regenerative benefits to the area and travel opportunities to communities that have previously had limited public transport options. Services operate between Stratford International and Woolwich Arsenal via Canning Town during peak hours. Outside of peak times, trains will operate via Canning Town through to Beckton. Trains run approximately every eight minutes.

Star Lane will use an island platform, accessed from Star Lane and Stephenson Street via a fully accessible footbridge.

Spotlight on... Safer Neighbourhood Teams



Safer Neighbourhoods Teams (SNTs) are about policing at a local level: residents working with police and partners to identify and tackle issues of concern in their neighbourhoods.

Following consultation with residents, from 30 September, your SNT will be changing. Under the changes SNTs will remain responsible for addressing local crime and safety concerns. There will be no reduction in the number of police constables (PCs) and police community support officers (PCSOs) within SNTs, so every ward

will still have at least five, some six.

However, SNTs can now share officers with their neighbouring wards in times of need. During these times, wards that are supporting their neighbours will have a minimum of one PC and one PCSO from its dedicated team to make sure there is still a permanent uniformed presence in every ward.

SNTs will also play a role in tackling anti-social behaviour in their neighbourhoods.

You can get involved with your local SNT by going to www.met.police.uk/teams/newham

WHAT'S ON CUSTOM HOUSE AND CANNING TOWN

Dog Agility

Saturday 24 September, 11am – 4pm
Memorial Recreation Ground,
West Ham.

In partnership with the Dogs Trust, come and see how clever your dog can be, running through tunnels and weaving through poles. There is even a free microchipping service. All E16 dog owners invited.

Anchor Trust Annual Fete

Saturday 29 October, 11am – 2pm
Stanley Holloway Court, Coolfin
Road, Custom House.

Toys, new and second hand clothing, books, dvds, white elephant stall, tombola, raffle and much more.

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 4008 or email stella.hales@newham.gov.uk
To email your local councillor write firstname.lastname@newham.gov.uk e.g. marie.collier@newham.gov.uk



Marie Collier



Clive Furness



Paul Schafer



Bryan Collier



Michael Nicholas



Alan Taylor



Patricia Holland



Gavin Pearson



Conor McAuley

Canning Town North Ward

Cllr Collier and Cllr Schafer
Every Monday (alternating), 10am
7a Avondale Court, Avondale Road
Canning Town, E16

Cllr Furness
First and third Friday of the month, 6-7pm
Helping Hands, 42 Balaam Street, E13

Canning Town South Ward

Cllr Collier
Second and fourth Monday of the month, 10am-12pm
Canning Town Local Service Centre, 3 Beckton Road, E16

Cllr Nicholas
First and third Thursday of the month, 10.30am-12.30pm
Keir Hardie Methodist Church, 14 Plymouth Road, E16

Cllr Taylor
First and third Thursday of the month, 6-7.30pm
Trinity Community Centre, Bothwell Close, E16

Custom House Ward

Cllr Holland
First Saturday of the month

Cllr Pearson
Second Saturday of the month

Cllr McAuley
Third Saturday of the month, 10-11am

St Joachim's Catholic School
Shipman Road
Custom House, 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.