

IN FOCUS FOREST GATE

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COMMUNITY MUST BE HEARD

Forest Gate councillors are determined that the views of forum residents and businesses will be taken into account when decisions are made about what roads and routes will be affected by the 2012 Games.

Transport for London (TfL) have published plans for the Olympic and Paralympic Route Networks, with key roads closed to general traffic to ensure athletes, officials and the media get to sporting events on time.

The plans will not just impact on residents and businesses around the Games venues, but on people across the rest of the borough as well as on the council in delivering vital services.

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The ORN will mean diversions



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“We have asked for lots more information about how Forest Gate will be affected. With little more than a year to go, we need a picture of the road impacts so that we can begin

to plan our daily lives and business continuity in good time and at minimal cost. We want to enjoy rather than endure the 2012 Games.”

Council officers have been dealing with TfL staff for many months but have become increasingly frustrated by the absence of detail.

Councillors are demanding a public meeting in each of the nine community forum areas. Details will be published in future editions of In Focus and the Newham Mag.

FIND OUT MORE

Go to www.newham.gov.uk/orn



GREENER NEIGHBOURHOOD IS GROWING ON PUPILS



Cllrs Robinson, Cameron, Scoresby and Winston Vaughan, back, with children from both schools in Forest Lane

Forest Gate will be a little greener thanks to pupils at Earlham and Maryland Primary Schools.

Two giant wooden planters each with flowers, shrubs and ornamental grasses have been installed in Chatsworth Road and in Forest Lane at McGrath Bridge. Maryland School have agreed to look after the first site, working with Cllr Ellie Robinson, while

Cllr Leanora Cameron will assist Earlham pupils with the second location.

Community lead councillor Kay Scoresby said: "The aim is to make the areas cleaner and greener as part of our action plan for the whole forum. We want to help residents have real pride in their area and we are delighted that the schools have agreed to look after the plants.

Residents can also do their bit by helping to water them."

Both schools have received a plaque in recognition of their work. The council's Greenspace team helped the children with what they should plant and helped choose ones that are safe to look after and are drought tolerant. Ground maintenance firm Serco provided the plants and soil free of charge.

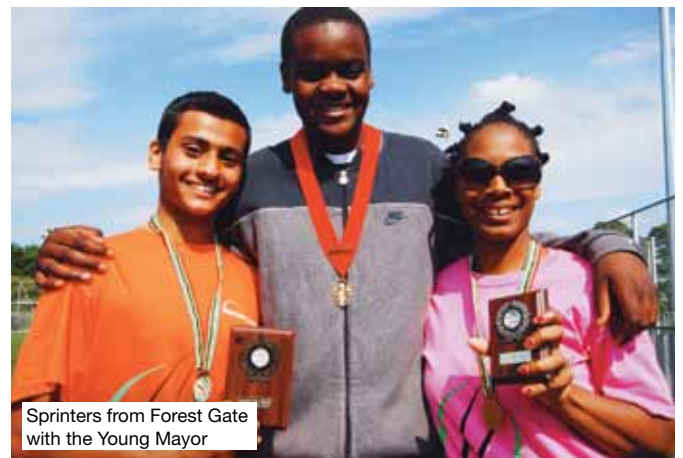
Fancy footwork at forum finals

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 United Community Sport Trust and Newham and Essex Beagles, offered guidance for runners and players.

At the under-16 male football finals, King Ballerz, representing Forest Gate, narrowly missed out on top spot to A Team, representing Stratford and West Ham, with a final score of 4-3. All finalists received trophies,



Sprinters from Forest Gate with the Young Mayor

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

ALL THE FUN OF THE FESTIVAL



Last year's festival



Residents from across Forest Gate are invited to enjoy the feast of free festival fun and entertainment that will be served up on Saturday 9 July.

Between 11am and 6pm Osborne Road off Woodgrange Road will be hosting a fantastic festival day out for all the family.

Community lead councillor Kay Scoresby said: "The Forest Gate Festival is a great family day. There is something for everyone and this year it will be bigger and better than ever.

"The festival is organised by a dedicated team of residents, supported by forum councillors, who aim to ensure that everybody who attends has a great time. We would like to thank all the businesses and organisations that have helped us out."

Activities include a climbing wall, a tea dance, colourful performers on both the street and on the main stage as well as stalls provided

by the local community. The best of Forest Gate talent will also be showcased on the main stage.

Various workshops and street performances will take place along Osborne Road and outside number 42. They include Dodger, Danny Schlesinger, the Valkerie Vikings, Circo Rumbaba and Rin TinTin with Bridie the tea lady. Forest Gap, a collective dedicated to promoting local musicians, are hosting various unplugged spots.

The tea dance will take place at Forest Gate Methodist Church from 2pm to 4pm with free cake and refreshments. Kay Rowe School will be hosting a bouncy castle, dance and movement sessions, face painting and henna, arts and crafts, stories and paper and balloon sculptors.

Other activities include jewellery making, cake decorating, willow weaving, t-shirt designing, Dr Bike, health MOTs, the police Safer

Neighbourhoods team, history and writing workshops.

Programme for main stage (subject to change):

- > 11.45am Forest Gate's Got Talent
 - > 12.45pm Constance Irkles (hula hoop workshop)
 - > 1pm Godwin School choir
 - > 1.30pm Raqs Jamila and Ragroof Theatre Company (Arabic and swing dance)
 - > 2pm Forest Gate's Got Talent
 - > 2.45pm Front garden competition winners announced
 - > 3.15pm Samba dancing workshops
 - > 4.30 The Evidents
 - > 5.15pm UEL Samba
- Sponsors of the festival this year include Conway, Local Space, Obsidian, Preston Motors and Swan Housing.



Spotlight on... Grow your own for the Mayor's Town 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.



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

Gardening tips to help you come top

> For lovely lettuce, crush eggshells and place them around the base of your plants to keep slugs at bay.

> Cover your rhubarb plant with a bucket to create humid conditions. The trapped heat will accelerate growth and the lack of light will create slender, tasty stems.

> For big juicy strawberries add a feed high in potassium, like tomato feed, to the base of your plants at least once a week when in bloom. You can buy this from any good gardening store.

WHAT'S ON FOREST GATE

Curious Dream Theatre

Thursdays at Durning Hall, Earlham Grove, E7
Drama, movement and song for pre-school age children, 1.30-2.30pm.
Also classes for 3-4-year-olds and 14-16-year-olds. Call 07909 880524 for times, prices or to book

Non-contact boxing

For 13-19-year-olds, Fridays 7-9pm, Forest Gate Youth Zone, 1 Woodford Road, E7. Training by ABA qualified former Olympian John Bosco Waigo

Star Pad DJ and music club night

Wednesday 20 July, 7-11pm, Forest Gate Hotel, Godwin Road, E7.
Supported by Nulife, Newham's service for people with learning disabilities. Entrance £5. Contact starpadclub@hotmail.co.uk or 07951 256979

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

If your group has an activity to promote please contact us on: 020 3373 2684 or email: infocus@newham.gov.uk

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 1540 or email syed.haque@newham.gov.uk
To email your local councillor write firstname.lastname@newham.gov.uk e.g. shama.ahmad@newham.gov.uk



Shama Ahmad



Paul Brickell



Ellie Robinson



Akbar Chaudhary



Leanora Cameron



Winston Vaughan

Forest Gate North Ward
Every Saturday (alternating)
10.30 - 11.30am
Durning Hall
Earlham Grove
Forest Gate, E7

Forest Gate South Ward
Every Saturday (alternating)
except Bank Holiday weekends
10.30 - 11.30am
The Gate, 4 - 20 Woodgrange Road
Forest Gate, E7

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.