

IN FOCUS PLAISTOW

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GETTING THE PARTY STARTED

Everyone knows the Olympics are coming next year and there will be some fantastic parties taking place across east London. We want people in Newham to join in the fun, that's why in October the council launched its Let's Get the Party Started campaign.

The initiative is aimed at ensuring residents participate in the magic of the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games by helping people to stage their own events across the borough. The council can help with a number of things to turn your ideas into reality including how to hire a venue and licensing and promoting your event - you could also receive a £250 community grant to help with costs.

It is important to have leaders in schools taking responsibility for planning and pressing ahead with ideas to ensure they come to fruition.



Planning gets under way for Let's Get The Party Started

Earlier this month Lister Community School, in St Mary's Road, hosted a special event for headteachers, and other school staff from across the area, so they could learn more about how they can get involved and secure funding for their schools to hold celebrations during the 2012 Games.

Speakers included Mayor Sir Robin Wales, who said: "The Olympics is the greatest show on earth and we want our residents to be involved. An event is the perfect way to bring the whole community together and that's why we want to make it as easy as

possible for people to participate.

"Historically, London's East End has a fantastic reputation for throwing the best parties - a tradition that goes back decades. We had an overwhelming response from people during the Royal Wedding who wanted to throw their own parties and we're hoping for that to happen again next year."

For more details visit www.newham.gov.uk/letsgetthepartystarted or call 020 8430 2000 and ask for the events team.



CONTACT US

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Enjoy a green Christmas



Did you know that we produce 30 per cent more waste over the Christmas holidays? You can reduce your rubbish by recycling all you can, using your orange bin or bag or by taking items to bring banks across the borough.

Wrapping paper, cardboard, Christmas cards, plastic bottles, magazines, cans and tins can all be recycled using your household service. You should take your empty glass bottles and jars to a recycling bank near you.

If you want to celebrate in style with some new furniture call the council who will collect up to six bulky items for free. Book a collection by visiting www.newham.gov.uk or calling 020 8430 2000. Once you've had your fill of Christmas cheer we'll also collect and recycle your real tree for free.

Revised refuse and recycling collections operate over Christmas and the new year; see the next issue of the Newham Mag for details or check online between Christmas and New Year by visiting www.newham.gov.uk



Councillor Neil Wilson receives his flu jab

PEOPLE URGED TO GET FLU JAB

Councillors from Plaistow community forum area are encouraging people to take up the offer of a free flu jab if they are eligible for one.

Every year around 8,000 people in England and Wales die from flu. As winter approaches, people can become at risk of developing serious complications from the seasonal condition.

People being offered the seasonal flu vaccine include those aged 65 and over, pregnant women, adults and children from six months living

with long term health conditions, people in residential or nursing homes, those who care for an older or disabled person and all frontline health and social care workers.

Councillor Neil Wilson, executive member for equalities and social inclusion and Plaistow South ward member, said: "The best way to avoid flu is to get immunised and you can do this by making an appointment with your GP or antenatal clinic."

For more details visit www.nhs.uk/flu

NEWWIC HOST BOROUGH CHAMPIONS

Plaistow students have proved themselves the best of the borough by claiming first place after a week of fierce sporting competition.

Newham Sixth Form College students (NewVIc) competed in sports including touch rugby, trampolining and football as part of the Inter College Sports Festival. The event carries the London 2012 Inspire kitemark, which recognises innovative projects inspired by the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Students beat competitors from

eight other colleges, including participants from Waltham Forest, Hackney and Leyton. The festival was held over six days with more than 400 students competing across 11 sports.

Beth Harris, NewVIc Sports Academy manager said: "Every NewVIc student represented the college proudly and displayed great sportsmanship, respect, enthusiasm and commitment to their opponents and their chosen sports. Congratulations to all students, volunteers and staff involved throughout this hugely successful week."

STORE DENIED LICENCE

Newham Council has rejected an application from a Plaistow store to sell alcohol due to fears of anti-social behaviour. The grocery outlet, in Plasitow Road, had applied to the licensing sub-committee previously in September, but it was thrown out. Mayura Convenience Store is in an area where there is a high number of licensed premises that could lead to disorder. Newham's street scene enforcement officers have recently acquired new powers under the Community Safety Accreditation Scheme, which grants them some policing powers to deal effectively with anti-social behaviour. These new



Denied alcohol licence: Mayura Convenience Store

powers will make a big difference. Working closely with Newham's Metropolitan Police Officers and council funded Police Officers, the council will ensure that we maintain

a high-profile, visible and effective total enforcement presence on our streets. To report anti-social behaviour call the 24-hour hotline on 0800 731 3300.

CULTURAL KALEIDOSCOPE

Pupils from Plaistow primary schools have participated in a community event celebrating different cultures called 'Kaleidoscope'.

Staff and children took part in performances centred around a 'One World' theme at Harold Road Centre last month.

Activities included a Jigaree 'drum jam', where toddlers, parents and pupils from Plaistow Primary School took part. Exhibits included artwork focussing on personal and social identity from Upton Cross, Selwyn and Southern Road among others.

Curwen Primary School laid on myriad of different experiences for visitors, including costumes, food and music from across the globe.



Plaistow pupils enjoy Kaleidoscope

The event was organised by E13 Learning Community members, and featured a number of community

groups based in Newham. To find out more visit www.e13lc.org or call Simon Vincent on 020 8548 5620.

Spotlight on... Inspiring People

The biggest party Newham has ever seen is just around the corner and you could make it even more special for someone you know. Is there anyone you'd like to give an Olympic-sized pat on the back? Now is your chance to give them the prize of a lifetime: we're searching for Newham's most Inspiring People. Nominate your choice and they could win tickets to some of the most sought-after events in the 2012 Games.

Hosting the Games means more to Newham than a summer of sport. It's an opportunity to showcase everything that makes our borough great. Inspiring People is about just that. There are people working within our communities who show ambition, talent and dedication, but who go unrecognised. We want to hear about them.

The winners could land tickets to the opening or closing ceremonies, diving finals, cycling finals, athletics finals, fencing, boxing, basketball finals, judo, taekwondo or weightlifting.

You can nominate in six categories: creativity, getting involved in community events, volunteering, achieving potential, employment and training and sport.



To nominate, download a form from www.newham.gov.uk/2012games/inspiringpeople, or write to us requesting a form at the address below. Send your entry with the name and address of the nominee – they must have lived in the borough for more than a year – include your name, address and contact number.

Email your nomination form to inspiringpeople@newham.gov.uk or send to Inspiring People Reward nominations, Newham Council, Fourth Floor, West Wing, 1000 Dockside Road, London E16 2QU.

For more information on Inspiring People, go to www.newham.gov.uk/2012games/inspiringpeople

WHAT'S ON PLAISTOW

Zumba Fitness

Mondays and Thursday
6.30-7.30pm
Plaistow Park Community Centre, E13

Get fit for free

Free use of the gym for one year for people with learning disabilities
Tuesdays from 1.30-3.30pm
Newham Leisure Centre, Prince Regents Lane, E13
To book an induction you must contact Zahra Mirza on 020 7511 4477

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 1804 or email shamilla.kumari@newham.gov.uk
To email your local councillor write firstname.lastname@newham.gov.uk e.g. alan.griffiths@newham.gov.uk



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Plaistow North Ward

Cllr Griffiths
First and third Saturday of the month 10.30-11.30am
Plaistow Library, North Street, Plaistow E13
Cllr Hussain
Second and fourth Saturday of the month, 10.30-11.30am
Plaistow Library, North Street, Plaistow, E13
Cllr Laguda
Third Saturday of the month, 10am-12.00noon
Curwen School, Atlas Road, Plaistow, E13



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Neil Wilson



Sheila Thomas

Plaistow South Ward

Every Monday and Wednesday (alternating)
6-7pm
Newham African Caribbean Resource Centre,
627 Barking Road, E13

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.