

# IN FOCUS **STRATFORD AND WEST HAM**

November 2011

## **COUNCIL CRACKDOWN ON ILLEGAL BOOZE**

A crackdown on the sale of illegal alcohol in Stratford and West Ham is being launched in the run-up to Christmas by Newham enforcement officers.

So far this year, there have been borough-wide raids on more than 230 off-licences, shops and supermarkets, with alcohol believed to be fake, counterfeit, or illegal, because no duty was paid, confiscated from more than 70 premises. Of these, seven have had their licences to sell alcohol revoked.

In addition, nearly 160 litres of illegal spirits, selling at about £17 a bottle, were confiscated from an off-licence. Its licence was also revoked. Officers estimate that, if sold, the haul would have resulted £25,000 in lost duty.

Trading standards officers are warning shops that sell alcohol in Stratford and West Ham they will not escape their watchful eye. Shoppers are also being advised to watch out for tell tale signs of illegality, which include:

- spelling mistakes on the label
- bottles of the same product look different
- bottles not filled to the same level
- labels not straight.

**Members of the public spotting these items should immediately contact Consumer Direct on 01622 626520 or [www.consumerdirect.gov.uk](http://www.consumerdirect.gov.uk)**

Seized - some of the counterfeit alcohol uncovered by trading standards



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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](http://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](http://www.newham.gov.uk)

Jodie Collins meets the Prime Minister



## TOP MARKS FROM PRIME MINISTER

A teacher from Stratford has been presented with a top award at Downing Street.

Jodie Collins from Colegrave Primary School met the Prime Minister David Cameron at a star-studded ceremony following her BECTA Next Generation Learning Award for London and the South East in 2010.

Speaking after the 2011 Pearson Teaching Awards Jodie said: "To be invited to such a glamorous event was a true honour and a pleasure. We are all privileged already to do a job we love so to also have our hard work and commitment rewarded is very special."

## LANTERN PARADE TO LIGHT UP STRATFORD



A Sarah Bonnell student helps a pupil from Carpenters School

A lantern parade from Theatre Square to Stratford Courtyard in the Old Town Hall marked 250 days to go until London 2012.

The event took place in Stratford Shopping Centre alongside food and craft markets.

The lantern parade was led by Sarah Bonnell specialist language college, and Colegrave, Manor and Carpenters primary schools. The

quartet also held a lantern-making workshop for shoppers.

Pupils prepared for the event with workshops, with Sarah Bonnell pupils learning leadership skills so they could support their younger counterparts to make lanterns.

A session was also held at Sarah Bonnell, where pupils from the other schools were invited to make the lanterns with their guidance.



# CHANDOS EAST COMMUNITY CENTRE

Chandos East community centre held a fun-filled open day for residents.

The event at the centre, on Colegrave Road, attracted 250 visitors. Visitors sampled a medley of sporting and arts and crafts activities. These included a bouncy castle and barbecues.

Winners of the sports competitions were awarded medals by Cllr Richard Crawford. The day was supported by volunteers from Barclays Bank and attended by local groups such as DLR ambassadors and the Stratford Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT).

Fledgling groups at the centre include a weekly parents and toddler session, set up by local mum

Lisa Spencer. Lisa has also been a driving force behind a residents' group. This has been working with councillors and SNT to resolve local issues and stage social events such as a big lunch earlier this year.

Anyone living locally who is interested in joining the residents' group or receiving their newsletter should contact [chandoscommunitygroup@hotmail.com](mailto:chandoscommunitygroup@hotmail.com)

Organisers say the centre's programme is growing by the minute and now includes yoga, karate and music.

**Anyone who would like to get involved or has ideas for activities should contact centre contact manager Trina Geasley on 020 7473 2270.**

## BIRTHDAY WISHES



It was smiles all round as the winner of a competition to design a birthday card marking the tenth anniversary of Stratford Circus was unveiled.

Urte Vesciova from Ranelagh Primary School triumphed with her colourful card and has won free tickets for all her classmates see Snow Play in



Stratford Circus staff congratulate Urte

December. The rest of Year Two were treated to runner-up prizes of £1 tickets to the performance.

Snow Play, featuring Patrick Lynch from CBeebies, will run at Stratford Circus from Wednesday 7 to Sunday 11 December. For more information call the box office on 0844357 2625 or visit [www.stratford-circus.com](http://www.stratford-circus.com)

## 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](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.newham.gov.uk/2012games/inspiringpeople)**

## WHAT'S ON STRATFORD AND WEST HAM

### Theatre Royal

Pay What You Can Panto Night  
Thursday 8 December, 7pm  
Newham residents who have not visited the theatre can pay what they can and enjoy Cinderella  
You must book in advance  
Call 020 8534 0310

### Dog Agility with the Dog's Trust

Tuesday 20 December, 11am – 3pm, Stratford Park, West Ham Lane, E15. Come and see how clever your dog can be – running through tunnels and weaving through poles. There is even a free microchipping service for all dogs.

**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](http://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 6045 or email [laura.beswick@newham.gov.uk](mailto:laura.beswick@newham.gov.uk)  
To email your local councillor write [firstname.lastname@newham.gov.uk](mailto:firstname.lastname@newham.gov.uk) e.g. [richard.crawford@newham.gov.uk](mailto:richard.crawford@newham.gov.uk)



Richard Crawford



Charlene McLean



Terry Paul



Freda Bourne



John Gray



Ron Manley

### Stratford and Newtown Ward

Every Saturday  
10.30am  
St John's Church  
Stratford Broadway, E15

### West Ham Ward

Cllr Bourne  
Second Saturday of the month  
10 - 11am Rokeby Community Centre,  
Rokeby Street, E15  
Fourth Saturday of the month  
10 - 11am Vicarage Lane Community Centre,  
Vicarage Lane, E15

Cllr Gray  
Third Saturday of the month  
10 - 11am Rokeby Community Centre,

Rokeby Street, E15  
Second Saturday of the month  
10 - 11am Vicarage Lane Community Centre,  
Vicarage Lane, E15

Cllr Manley  
First Saturday of the month  
10 - 11am Rokeby Children's Centre, Rokeby  
Street, E15  
Fourth Saturday of the month  
10 - 11am Leather Gardens TA, 1st Floor,  
Brassett Point, Abbey Road, Stratford, E15

**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](http://www.newham.gov.uk/mayor) or call 020 3373 0437.