

IN FOCUS PLAISTOW

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Two prosecuted after successful trading standards sting

Shop owners are being warned to be more vigilant when selling alcohol following the prosecution of two men who sold 'alcopops' to a 15-year-old.

The licensee and sales assistant at Yellow Market in Prince Regent Lane were found guilty of selling a bottle of alcohol to person aged under 18 years old after a trial last month at Stratford Magistrates' Court.

Shop owner Kassim Akram was ordered to pay £996.39 in fines and costs and Abdul Aziz sales assistant also had to pay fines and costs, totalling £646.39.

The pair were caught following a joint sting operation, carried out last year by Newham Council and police. The action was taken following information from local residents who raised concerns about youngsters being served alcohol. The court heard that the test-purchaser, acting on behalf of Newham Council's trading standards team, went unchallenged by the man behind the till, Abdul Aziz, who served the teenage girl a bottle of Smirnoff Ice. After the trial it emerged that the same supermarket had been advised by trading standards only a few months beforehand about its approach to serving alcohol to youngsters.

Plaistow lead councillor Rohima Rahman said: "It is disappointing



that the licensee acted in a way that showed a flagrant disregard for the law. This successful multi-agency prosecution shows that licensees and those who sell on their behalf will not escape unscathed. We will continue to prosecute anyone who sells alcohol

to underage children – these laws are in place for a reason – to protect children from harm."

Trading standards are reminding shopkeepers across the borough that it is illegal to sell or knowingly allow any person to sell alcohol to anyone underage.

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A PLAN FIT FOR A PARK



Residents are being consulted in the coming weeks about ideas to improve Plaistow Park. Cumberland schoolchildren have already been consulted and council officers will be visiting other schools throughout E13 to get their views on what they would like to see in the green space.

An online survey was due to go live as In Focus went to press and will be available at www.newham.gov.uk/plaistowpark until 5 August.

Council staff will carry out a live survey and inform residents about how they can take part in the online consultation.

Getting down on paper

precisely how Plaistow Park will be improved will be important in determining which organisations should be approached for funding that will help transform the park for residents' benefit. For more information pop along to the Summer Festival – you'll find more details overleaf.

ON YOUR MARKS...



It's almost one year to go until the 2012 London Olympic and Paralympic Games and there are a host of free events later this month to celebrate the occasion.

Youngsters can take part in Olympic-style track and field events, such as the javelin and long jump, at the indoor multi-sports centre on 23 July from 2.30-4.30pm.

The venue is located next door to Newham Leisure

Centre in Prince Regent Lane and the free activities are aimed at five-15 year olds.

There are also activities taking place at the Balaam Leisure Centre in Balaam Street. Adults and youngsters will be treated to a free swim on a first come, first served basis. The free sessions will take place from 12.30-2pm on Sunday 24 July. For more details visit www.newham.gov.uk/openweekend

BIG CHEER FOR THE CARNIVAL KIDS

Residents are encouraged to give an extra loud cheer for two schools from the Plaistow community forum area who will be taking part in the colourful carnival procession at the Mayor's Newham Show on Saturday 16 July.

Kaizen Primary School in Elkington Road and Selwyn Primary School in Cecil Road are joining the parade, which starts in East Ham's Central Park at 2pm.

Plaistow North ward Councillor Forhad Hussain said: "Our two schools deserve some extra loud cheers. The pupils have been working hard on their colourful costumes."



Revellers at last year's carnival

The Mayor's Newham Show on 16 and 17 July promises a weekend of fantastic free fun for the whole family.

You can relax on a real beach as Newham goes to the seaside, enjoy games and competitions at

the Newham Village Fete or see live music, cabaret and dance.

There is also a host of sports and health activities, children's entertainment and a funfair. Visit www.newham.gov.uk for all the details.

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 Community Sport



Winners Ballerz are presented their trophy by Young Mayor Ali Mohamed

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

At the adult male finals, Plaistow's Ballerz thrashed Adidas, representing Beckton, 3-0, while in the under 16 female finals, Plaistow's Newham Academy were narrowly defeated after their two-all draw against Girls United from East Ham went to penalties, where the competitors

clinched victory with a 2-1 win.

All finalists received trophies, 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

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

If you're better with flour than flowers, get baking and see if your creation is worthy of being

crowned Newham's best tasting and best decorated cake.

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

To read more about this year's show turn to page 20 of the Newham Mag.



WHAT'S ON PLAISTOW

Plaistow Summer Festival

Sunday 3 July
12noon-4pm
Plaistow Park
Greengate Street, E13
For more details call Shamilla Kumari on 020 8430 2000 or email shamilla.kumari@newham.gov.uk

Click On - computer sessions for over-50s

Plaistow Library,
North Street, E13
Fridays, 10am-12noon
and 2-4pm
Call 020 3373 0857 to book your space

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



Alan Griffiths



Forhad Hussain



Joy Laguda

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



Charity Fiberesima



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.