

# IN FOCUS EAST HAM

July 2011



Cllr Baikie (centre) with children and carers

## Hailing east London's cabbies

A convoy of 100 taxis took around 200 children with special needs from Newham and beyond for a day out to the Promenade Park in Maldon, Essex.

The annual outing, which is in its 59th year, is run by East London Cabbies. It aims to give disadvantaged children and their carers a free day out beside the sea. This year's trip included treats such as face painting, horse rides, a juggling show and clowns.

The youngsters were picked up from Brampton Manor School and were waved off by dignitaries including local councillors and well-wishers.

St John's Ambulance Service and the Metropolitan Police escorted the procession to Maldon, stopping traffic and ensuring the group's safety.

The cavalcade visited Plume School in Maldon, playgrounds and the promenade park. The children and their

carers were provided with a range of snacks, drinks, meals, entertainment, spending money, toys and goodie bags throughout the day.

One of the young people who attended the outing, said: "This is the first year I have been on this day out, I had a really good time and I'm looking forward to coming back next year."

Deputy Mayor Councillor Andrew Baikie, who waved the group off, said: "The annual east London Cabbies event is the highlight of many of these youngsters' year."

"The taxi drivers involved give up their time and provide this fantastic day free

of charge. It is an outing that makes the children feel very special and gives them a day to remember."



Cllr Baikie with two cabbies

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# Play-full times this summer



Children and young people aged between six and 14 years can get their hearts racing at a series of special playworker in parks sessions happening this summer.

Playworkers in parks are free sessions which offer outdoor sports and energetic activities, arts and crafts and messy play. Playworker in parks sessions will be held every Monday from 25 July to 22 August at Plashet Park, Plashet Grove. From 1-3.15pm, under fives, accompanied by a parent or carer, are invited to become mini champions for the day with a range of tot friendly activities.

Dress for the weather as the events take place outdoors, from 10am-4.30pm, with a break for lunch from 1-1.30pm for lunch - so don't forget to pack a picnic and make the most of a great day out.

They'll also be a mini playday, held in conjunction with Canberra Children's centre, on Tuesday 26 July at Barking Road Recreation Ground, from 12noon-4pm. The event is for anyone aged under 14 but parents and carers are encouraged to come along and enjoy being a big kid for the day

**For more information email [playservice@newham.gov.uk](mailto:playservice@newham.gov.uk)**

## HARTLEY'S CRAZY CARNIVAL

Celebrity comedian Kulvinder Ghir, whose credits include movie Bend it like Beckham and hit BBC show Goodness Gracious Me, opened Hartley Primary School's first ever carnival.

The carnival took place to celebrate and showcase the works created by the pupils through the school's annual arts week.

The week of creativity also saw a host of art exhibitions, events and workshops with professional face painting artist, Zoe Peterson.

Pupils paraded their carnival costumes around the main hall to a steel band and were treated to a lunch of jerk chicken, rice and fruit.

Ice cream floats were sold to help raise money for the school's new play equipment.

Zara a pupil from Year 6, said: "Hartley Primary School's carnival was a great success and lots of fun was had by all the pupils."



Kulvinder Ghir with a Hartley pupil

## SERVING YOU BETTER



The food safety award graduates

Food outlets in East Ham were among 28 businesses in Newham that were congratulated on completing level one basic skills and hygiene training.

The free half day food safety and awareness in catering courses were held earlier this year. Newham Healthworks applied to the Department of Health for funding to deliver the sessions, which were open to staff working in fast food outlets to gain an accredited food hygiene qualification alongside improving on their basic literacy and numeracy skills.

Businesses in Manor Park that

completed the course included Grill Fellas, 88 Katherine Road; Kitchen Table Café, 292B Barking Road; Piryum, 209 High Street North and Gujranwala Kebab House, 302 Barking Road.

The main aim of the food hygiene training was to give people working within food outlets the opportunity to gain an accredited qualification. In England, anyone can open up a food premises, regardless of their food safety or hygiene awareness. The training introduced people to the tools needed to run a safe, clean and efficient food premises.

# Ballroom Beginners at St Paul's Church



Whether you've two left feet or twinkle toes, if you're aged over 50 come and join the Beginner's Ballroom group at St Paul's Church.

Councillor Omana Gangadharan met the group, for whom, when it comes to dancing, it's strictly ballroom. The session is held

as part of the Active Centres Programme. One member commented: "It's a great way to meet new people and really sets us up for the week".

As well as Beginner's Ballroom, dedicated volunteers run other clubs from St Paul's, including the twice

weekly community café. If you are able to give a few hours to help out at the centre please contact Rev Playle on 020 8552 9955.

**Beginner's Ballroom classes are free and held on Mondays from 10am-12noon, at 227 Burges Road.**

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## TWENTY YEARS OF FELLOWSHIP



Cllr Peppiatt meets children's centre staff

Fellowship House Children's Centre celebrated their 20 year anniversary with a summer party for pupils past and present.

The organisation, based in St. Bartholomew's Road, provides childcare tailored to the needs of local children, with stimulating activities that encourage them to develop to their full potential.

The get-together was attended by some of the first children who were looked after at the nursery along with their parents. Cllr Quintin Peppiatt, executive member children and young people and East Ham south ward joined pupils, current and former members and the



management committee to enjoy the party.

Cllr Peppiatt said: "Fellowship House is a wonderful example of a local business that employs local people and gives back so much to the community.

"We hope that it continues for many more years to come."

As well as nursery and pre school childcare, Fellowship House hold a carer and toddler group, every Tuesday and Thursday during term time, from 1-2.45pm. Sessions are £1.50 and open to under fives and their parent or carer.

**To find out more about Fellowship House visit [www.familychildcare.co.uk](http://www.familychildcare.co.uk)**

## Spotlight on... Under the Stars

The sand from the beach at the Mayor's Newham Show may have been swept away but we're already gearing up for Newham's next free extravaganza - the musical spectacle that is **Under the Stars**.

If you enjoy jazz, eastern influenced beats, rock or classical melodies, look no further than Central Park, East Ham, where every night from Thursday 25 August to Sunday 28 August, you can enjoy four nights of music that's guaranteed to get your hands in the air.

What has become the Glastonbury of Newham opens with the cool, laid-back sounds of jazz provided by the world renowned saxophonist Courtney Pine and a host of other amazing headline acts.

The sound of the dhol drum takes over on Friday as BBC Radio 1 DJ Nihal presents a night of Eastern Beats. Bhangra sensation H Dhami is back by popular demand and this time he's joined by his father's legendary Bhangra group, Heera, who will be headlining the night.

On Saturday, We Will Rock You with performances from the Queen tribute band, Queen on Fire, who'll



be joined by twelve piece live band, MIB who, at the Royal Wedding, entertained more than 300,000 revellers in London's Hyde Park.

As always, on Sunday, Under the Stars ends on a high note, with the relaxing sounds of the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra. As well as classical renditions the audience will be treated to a dazzling firework finale.

**Under the Stars**  
**Thursday 25-Sunday**  
**28 August, 7-10.30pm**  
**Central Park,**  
**High Street South, E6**  
**All Under the Stars events are**  
**FREE. For the full line-up visit**  
**[www.newham.com/summer](http://www.newham.com/summer)**

## WHAT'S ON EAST HAM

### Wall End Walk

Saturday 13 August  
 Barking Recreation Park,  
 Barking Road.  
 Registration 10.30am, walk starts 11am-12noon.  
 Bring a picnic to enjoy after the walk.  
 Walk and talk with your local Councillors.  
 All ages and abilities welcome

**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

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Mary Skyers



Ormana Gangadharan



Lester Hudson



Ted Sparrowhawk

### East Ham South Ward

Cllr Jenkins  
 Every Saturday (except bank holidays), 9.30-11am  
 Brampton Primary School, Masterman Road,  
 East Ham, E6

First and third Saturday of the month  
 (except bank holidays), 1- 3pm  
 Roman Road Primary School, Roman Road, E6

Cllrs Peppiatt and Shah  
 Every Saturday (alternating), 10am  
 Vicarage Lane Primary School, Vicarage Lane,  
 East Ham, E6

### East Ham Central Ward

Cllrs Corbett and Desai  
 Every Friday, 5.30-6.30pm  
 Committee Room 3, Newham Town Hall,  
 Barking Road  
 East Ham, E6

Cllr Skyers  
 First Saturday of the month, 10-11am  
 The Hartley Centre, 267 Barking Road  
 East Ham, E6

### Wall End Ward

Cllr Gangadharan  
 Second Saturday of the month, 10am-12noon

Cllr Hudson  
 Fourth Saturday of the month, 10am-12noon  
 Altmore School, Altmore Avenue, East Ham, E6

Cllr Sparrowhawk  
 First and third Saturday of the month  
 10.30am-12noon  
 Nelson Primary School  
 Caretaker's house, Napier Road  
 East Ham, E6

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