

# IN FOCUS **STRATFORD AND WEST HAM**

September 2011

## Stratford Library to benefit from £2.2million of improvement works

Our libraries are vital in providing opportunities for people to learn and come together.

Unlike many other local authorities across the UK, we will not be closing libraries. In fact, we will be delivering a programme of investment in libraries across the borough between now and 2014 to transform them into one-stop-shops where residents can come to educate themselves and their children, and make transactions with the council.

As part of this transformation, Stratford Library will undergo a £2.2m upgrade and will close temporarily from Saturday 1 October to spring 2012 for these works to take place.

Once Stratford Library is reopened, customers will be able to take advantage of bright, modern facilities including:

- > a flexible, family friendly children's area
- > a teenager's section
- > an expansion to the popular study area
- > the same free family events programme



> 13 additional computers (taking the total in the library up to 42)

> compact self-serve kiosks that will make council payments and service booking easier and quicker

> face-to-face advice about all council services.

Newham Council's Divisional Director for Customer Services, Belinda Black, said: "The £2.2m upgrade of Stratford Library is part of our commitment to not only keep our libraries open but to improve them too."

Moving Stratford Local Service Centre will save the council money and means that residents will be able to access more services from one location. There will also be no reduction in library stock."

Residents will be able to access library services and the free family events programme from other council libraries across the borough. For more information visit [www.newham.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.newham.gov.uk/libraries)

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## Let's get the party started



Newham Council is hosting an event to help residents from the Green Street community forum area get into the party spirit and be part of the celebrations for the 2012 Games.

The event at the Old Town Hall, Broadway, Stratford, on Saturday 8 October is open to anyone who has big ideas for bringing the community together or who wants help in arranging their own celebration.

Mayor Sir Robin Wales said: "We are organising an exciting programme of events for the whole community next year. We want people to be part of our events or organise their own.

"Hosting an event is the perfect way to bring the whole community together, so if we like your idea we could support you with funding. We will show the world we know how to party."

**There are two sessions on 8 October from 10.30am-12.30pm or 2-4pm. To reserve your place at either email [2012party@newham.gov.uk](mailto:2012party@newham.gov.uk) or call 020 3373 3793.**

## LEARNING TO LOVE LANGUAGES

A lucky pupil from Portway Primary School has scooped a special award for speaking a second language.

Miriam Ribeiro Barbosa, 8, from Plaistow, received the Award for Modern Foreign Languages as a result of her excellence in Spanish and Portuguese.

The award, which is sponsored by London City Airport, recognises and encourages the employment and life advantages students achieve through learning a new language.



Miriam shows Kellie Heath from London City Airport her awards

Headteacher Maggie Van Loan said: "Our link with London City Airport provides real encouragement for our young people, and supports their enthusiasm for language learning. The presentation of the annual LCA Award for Modern Foreign Languages at Portway is one of the high points of the school year, in recognising our children's achievements, and is eagerly looked forward to by the whole school community."



With the opening of Westfield Stratford City, Europe's largest urban shopping centre, we've seen an increase in the numbers of shoppers and visitors to the area.

We wanted to ensure that we keep the area clean and that these visitors do not have a negative impact to the area.

Changes have been made to the controlled parking zones in Stratford North East and North West. Residents were consulted in May and June and were concerned about the impending Westfield opening and parking in their area.

Local people requested that their days and hours of controls be extended from Monday to Friday from 10am -12pm to Monday to Sunday from 8am-6.30pm and these changes came into effect

earlier this month. They will now be monitored for the next couple of months to see what impact they are having. The council will also review the other Stratford and West Ham controlled parking zones in January.

The council's street scene enforcement officers have been out in force, outside Stratford station and The Broadway. They have been handing out fixed penalty notices to people who drop their cigarette butts on the floor or fail to put their rubbish in the bin and have handed out more than 600 penalty notices in the first week of the store's opening.

In addition, work is still ongoing to improve Meridian Square, the taxi rank will be moving from the square to Station Street, for a few weeks while pavements and kerbs are repaired.

## Keeping Stratford moving

# COLEGRAVE ARE A CUT ABOVE THE REST

Pupils from Colegrave Primary School were VIPs for the day when they helped open John Lewis's Stratford City store.

The four-storey department store is John Lewis's first brand new shop in London in more than 20 years.

Twelve lucky pupils from the school in Henniker Road, which was chosen due to it being the closest to the new Stratford City development, helped Noel



Demetris Demetriou and pupils from Colegrave Primary School, cutting the ribbon for the John Lewis Stratford store

Saunders, managing director for John Lewis Stratford, cut the ceremonial ribbon to signify the official opening of the store.

The department store's London 2012 Shop and its amazing view of the Olympic Park was the biggest draw for shoppers on opening day.



## HAVE YOUR SAY ON YOUR LOCAL LEISURE CENTRE

The council is to consult with residents over what they would want in a new leisure facility on the site of the Atherton Centre in Romford Road, Stratford. The council agreed to close the centre on 31 December but is committed to a replacement on the site.

Spiralling costs for the repair of the ceiling over the centre's main pool and an estimated maintenance requirement of more than £2.2m over the next ten years means keeping it open is not the best use of Council Tax payers' money and it

is better to replace the building.

After the closure many of the activities and clubs that currently take place in the centre will transfer to others across the borough.

**The council is now working on a full timetable for consultation, closure and replacement, which will be published as quickly as possible. For further information visit [www.newham.gov.uk](http://www.newham.gov.uk)**

## Spotlight on... Safer Neighbourhood Teams



**Safer Neighbourhoods Teams (SNTs) are about policing at a local level: residents working with police and partners to identify and tackle issues of concern in their neighbourhoods.**

Following consultation with residents, from 30 September, your SNT will be changing. Under the changes SNTs will remain responsible for addressing local crime and safety concerns. There will be no reduction in the number of police constables (PCs) and police community support officers (PCSOs) within SNTs, so every ward

will still have at least five, some six.

However, SNTs can now share officers with their neighbouring wards in times of need. During these times, wards that are supporting their neighbours will have a minimum of one PC and one PCSO from its dedicated team to make sure there is still a permanent uniformed presence in every ward.

SNTs will also play a role in tackling anti-social behaviour in their neighbourhoods.

**You can get involved with your local SNT by going to [www.met.police.uk/teams/newham](http://www.met.police.uk/teams/newham)**

## WHAT'S ON STRATFORD AND WEST HAM

### Swap your old stuff for new stuff

At The Rokeby Swap Shop you can bring your unwanted items like clothes, bric a brac, toiletries and exchange them with someone else for something of theirs.  
The Rokeby Centre, 63 Rokeby Street, Stratford, E15 3NS.  
When every Monday between 10am-12noon. Contact Loreen on 020 8555 3125 for more info

### Get fit and keep fit

Now we're back into the Autumn run, Keep Fit to Music has resumed.  
Open to all Adults  
Play Sow and Grow, 6 Gay Road E15 2RN  
Thursdays, 9.30 - 11am ( 9.30 - 9.45 warm up around the garden ) with fully qualified trainer Johtti Kaur. Contact Candy on 07827 235 947 for further information

**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.