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It's my pleasure to welcome you to the summer issue of E16 News, which builds on the successful spring launch of the newsletter.

For those of you not familiar with London City East Partnership (LCEP), we're the company responsible for the refurbishment and neighbourhood and community management of the Canning Town PFI. Work started a year ago now, and what a year it has been for the borough. In Canning Town 346 properties have been completely regenerated with new kitchens, bathrooms, boilers and windows, Newham has been named as a host borough for the 2012 Olympics Games and Paralympic Games. West Ham also finishing ninth in their first season back in the Premiership.

I hope you enjoy reading this issue of E16 News, which includes lots of local stories from the setting up of Neighbourhood Groups to feedback from a survey on improvements to the Beckton Lido and youth activities during the summer. Inside, you'll find details of the Canning Town festival which is taking place in Keir Hardie Park on July 8 and promises to be a fun and informative day for the community. LCEP will be there on the day and we hope to meet as many of you as possible. I very much hope you and your families and friends will come along and make a day of it.

And, don't forget this is your newsletter so your contributions are welcome. If you are running an event, publicise it here, if you have questions for us, Newham Homes or the Canning Town and Custom House Regeneration Team send them in and we'll do our best to publish an answer in the next edition or if you simply wish to express a view E16 News may just be the ideal place to do it. You can send your contributions to one of the team using the details opposite.

Best wishes for an enjoyable summer.

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review

What you said about proposals for the improvement to the former Beckton Lido at Canning Town Recreation Ground.



Present view of former Beckton Lido.

A survey by London Borough of Newham about proposals for the improvement to the former Beckton Lido site at Canning Town Recreation Ground received a good response from local residents.

More than 600 surveys were sent out to residents and other stakeholders. The majority of respondents (77 per cent) were in favour of creating an entrance at A13/Prince Regent Lane junction

and a similar number of respondents (80 per cent) agreed with the proposal to extend the existing tree avenue to link to the proposed entrance.

A large number of respondents (67 per cent) agreed with creating new gathering spaces and seating and a majority of respondents (80 per cent) agreed with creating a wildflower meadow with a mown grass path and gentle mounding.

Only about a third of respondents

(27 per cent) are in favour of creating a small car park area, with more than half of respondents (54 per cent) disagreeing with the idea.

A significant number of respondents (57 per cent) supported the idea of creating a youth activity area.

The creation of a youth activity area however, will require further consultation with young people in particular. This will help the council to find out the kind of activity area young people want and to provide opportunities for them to contribute to the design and planning of the area.

Newham Council will refine the design proposal to reflect community concerns. The design will be displayed at Custom House Library, Prince Regent Lane in July 2006.

Other comments received on the proposals and the park in general will be helpful in informing the council about the views and concerns of local communities for Canning Town Recreation Ground.

Listening to people and addressing their concerns is a priority for the council and this invaluable information will guide improvements to the former Beckton Lido site. Thanks to all those who contributed to the survey.

Henry Adomako,
Parks Manager (Engagement)
Newham Council

A summary of the survey response for the former Beckton Lido site is available at Custom House Library, Prince Regent Lane.

Something for the kids

The Canning Town & Custom House Regeneration Project Team is working with organisations who provide activities for young people in the area to produce a list of what's on and where over the summer. Organisations who are involved include Community Links, St Luke's, the Youth House, Weston Spirit, Elevate and the Newham Council.

A publication will be produced that will be available to young people and their parents. There is lots going on, most of the activities are free but some do have a small cost, so please check before you book. Activities are happening in various places across the

area including Keir Hardie Park and Canning Town Recreation Ground. Activities available include football, sailing, fencing, dance and DJing as well as a number of educational courses.

If you would like a copy of the publication please contact Colin Boxall on 020 8430 3261.



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Partners in Crime

The Canning Town and Custom House Regeneration Project has established a 'Liveability' steering group to continue making the area safer, cleaner and greener through partnership working. The group includes representatives from the police, Anti-Social Behaviour Team, Youth Offending Team, Newham Homes, Pinnacle and Newham Council.

The steering group has secured £1.6 million of Safer Stronger Communities Funds (SSCF) to be spent over the next four years. This funding will be used for:

- **Better Services** – development of a neighbourhood management approach to improve services in the regeneration area through better co-ordination. This builds on work that the steering group has already started to do and the regeneration project is in the process of recruiting a full time Neighbourhood Co-ordinator and part-time researcher.

The steering group will also look at doing work around lighting, CCTV, environmental and open space improvements, an environmental educational programme and innovative ways to increase reporting of problems.

- **Neighbourhood Groups** – to increase local involvement in identifying and solving local crime, anti-social behaviour and environmental problems across the regeneration area with different service providers, the steering group is going to establish four local



neighbourhood groups across the area. Further information is included on page four.

- **Joint Resource Management Centre** – the steering group is looking to put police and council services into one highly visible centre in the regeneration area. This would help the police and council to work more efficiently together and would also be a place where residents can report problems.
- **A Focus on Young People** – the steering group has recognised that more work needs to be done to support young people in the area. Working with youth providers the funding will be used to:
 - Provide intensive support to youth offenders;
 - Develop new youth facilities or improve existing facilities;
 - Fund additional summer activities, complementary to what is already planned.

DID YOU KNOW?

Canning Town gets its name from an English politician called George Canning, who was born in London in 1770.

After his father died his wealthy uncle sent him to Eton and Christ Church, Oxford, where his brilliance soon attracted attention. George Canning gained an early political following as an excellent public speaker and was one of the first politicians to campaign heavily in the country, making several speeches outside Parliament.

He married Joan Scott in 1800, with whom he had three sons and one daughter. His eldest son died in 1820.

In 1793 he was given a seat in Parliament and after holding minor office was made Foreign Secretary under the Duke of Portland in 1807. During his term he obtained control of the Danish Fleet after Napoleon's reconciliation with Tsar Alexander at Tilset and negotiated treaties of friendship with Portugal and Spain.

He was passed over for Prime Minister in favour of Spencer Perceval and following a brief time as ambassador for Portugal he rejoined the government as President of the Board of Trade.

In 1822 Canning accepted the post of Governor General of India and his skill in dealing with the Indian Mutiny and

its aftermath earned him the nickname 'Clemency Canning'.

Following a second brief spell as Foreign Secretary Canning was elected as Prime Minister in 1827. During this time he helped the Greeks in their fight for independence. Unfortunately he holds the record of having served as Prime Minister for the shortest time, 119 days, following his death from pneumonia. Canning's last words are reported to have been 'Spain' and 'Portugal'.

Councillor Pat Holland

If you have any snippets of history on Canning Town or Custom House that you would like to share please contact Beverley Omokoh on 020 8430 5495.



Canning Town Festival

July 8 2006 10am - 4pm

This summer marks the first anniversary of London City East Partnership winning and starting work on the Canning Town PFI contract.

In order to celebrate the event we have, once again, joined forces with St Luke's, the Royal British Legion as well as the London Borough of Newham's Canning Town and Custom House Regeneration team and Newham Homes, and many other local service providers within the area to celebrate another Canning Town Festival.

The festival will be held in Keir Hardie Park on Saturday July 8, 10am-4pm.

Service providers having stalls in the park will include:

- London City East Partnership
- Canning Town and Custom

- Housing Regeneration Team
- Newham Council Parks Service
- Safer Neighbourhood Team
- Anti-Social Behaviour Team
- Local health services
- Abraham's Nursery
- Newham Homes

We would like to invite you to come and join us and to take part in the many activities that will be happening on the day including:

- bouncy castles
- face painting
- hair braiding
- giant games
- inflatable football
- mini sports tournament
- stalls with jewellery and crafts

There will be summer fête games set up at St Luke's including tombola

and guess the weight of the cake as well as food and other stalls.

There will be chance for you to speak to the council about improvements to Keir Hardie Park and what changes you would like to see.

This will also be a chance for you to find out what London City East Partnership has achieved in the last year and how it has started to become part of the community.

See you there!



Get involved

The Canning Town & Custom House Regeneration Project is forming four Neighbourhood Groups across the regeneration area.

The four areas are Fife Road, Canning Town Centre, Freemasons Road and Keir Hardie Park.

Residents are invited to attend these meetings to raise and discuss problems with service providers and the best way of solving them. The project team will work with other council services, the police and relevant service provider's to address concerns expressed at the Neighbourhood Groups.

The Fife Road Neighbourhood Group met on June 6 and was well attended by more than 30 residents. Feedback from the Neighbourhood Groups will be included in the next issue.

Forthcoming Neighbourhood Groups are included on the What's On page.

If you would like more information on the Neighbourhood Groups and how you can get involved please contact Colin Boxall on 0208 430 3261.

Monday - Friday
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Please contact us for any further information on 020 8555 5388

The Canning Town & Custom House Regeneration Project took part in the first Newham's Children's Parliament held on May 17 2006.



Almost 40 schools attended including representatives from Hallsville, St Luke's and Keir Hardie primary schools.

A number of councillors and officers from Newham Council

came along on the day to recognise the importance of engaging and listening to children.

Philippa Cartwright, Project Officer, represented the Canning Town & Custom House Regeneration Project and undertook a mapping exercise with children from the local area, pointing out key landmarks and places of interest.

The children were asked what they liked and disliked about the area. Likes included friendly neighbours, the library, the range of shops and restaurants and the

view over the river. Dislikes included litter, no safe play areas, road safety and no swimming pool nearby.

The children were then asked how they would improve the area.

Suggestions included cycle paths, more pedestrian crossing and road safety schemes and improved play and leisure facilities.

Children from Hallsville and St Luke's also gave a presentation on what improvements they would like to see in Keir Hardie Park as part of the consultation for developing a masterplan for the park.

The day was a big success with children keen to have an input into the regeneration and the project team will continue to involve them both through the Children's Parliament and by talking directly to the schools.



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South Canning Town and Custom House Area Tenant Liaison Committee:

Tenant and Leaseholder Participation

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| Dates: | Thursday | July 6 | Cundy Centre | 6-9pm |
| | Thursday | September 14 | Trinity Centre | 6-9pm |

Custom House and Canning Town Community Forum

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| Dates: | Thursday | July 27 | Cundy Centre | 6-9pm |
| | Thursday | September 7 | Cundy Centre | 6-9pm |

Estate Inspection Programme for Canning Town South

Between July and September 2006

Olusegun Ojo, direct telephone number: 020 8430 6273.

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| Dates: | Thursday | July 20 | time 11am - 12 noon |
| | Thursday | August 17 | time 11am - 12 noon |
| | Thursday | September 22 | time 11am - 12 noon |

Areas: Bothwell Close, Fife Road, Forty Acre Lane, Lawrence Street, Formunt Close, Kennedy Cox House.

Sonia Stewart, direct telephone number: 020 8430 4571.

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| Dates: | Wednesday | July 6 | time 11am - 12 noon |
| | Wednesday | August 23 | time 11am - 12 noon |
| | Thursday | September 28 | time 11am - 12 noon |

Areas: Alnwick Road, Hoskins Close, Atkinson Road, Lawson Close, Baxter Road.

Sylvia Gayle, direct telephone number: 020 8430 4579.

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| Dates: | Thursday | July 27 | time 11am - 12 noon |
| | | Berwick Road | |
| | Thursday | August 31 | time 11am - 12 noon |
| | | Mortlake Road | |
| | Thursday | September 21 | time 11am - 12 noon |
| | | Cundy/Ethel Road | |

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CANNING TOWN SUMMER FESTIVAL

Saturday July 8,
10am -4pm
Keir Hardie Park.
Please note this event is in place of the Summer Festival previously advertised for Saturday 22nd July, which will now not take place.

FREEMASONS

NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUP

Monday July 3, 6pm, at
Regeneration Project Offices,
20 Freemasons Road

CANNING TOWN & CUSTOM

HOUSE REGENERATION

PROJECT PARTNERSHIP BOARD

Monday July 10, 6.30pm, venue to be confirmed.

