

IN FOCUS PLAISTOW

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Sir Robin hands over the award and medals to pupils

TOP-CLASS PERFORMANCE

Mayor Sir Robin Wales visited pupils at Kaizen Primary School in Plaistow to congratulate them on their involvement in the recent Newham Carnival.

Schools that participated in the carnival, which took place around the streets of East Ham and in Central Park, are all being presented with a specially engraved glass award.

Each pupil that took part in the colourful parade was also presented with a medal.

Sir Robin said: "The children told me about how much they enjoyed getting involved in the carnival procession, despite the horrible weather. It was a pleasure for me to be able to honour their involvement.

"Come rain or shine, the carnival is always a colourful and vibrant event and gives us the chance to get together and have fun as a community.

"This year was no exception and it's of immense credit to our young people, teachers and everyone else who helped on the day that it was such a success."

Plaistow councillors attended the annual festivities, which attracted around 25,000 residents over the weekend. Many were to be found in

the 'Your Community' tent, chatting to councillors and enjoying the many stalls around the park.

At the Newham Village Fete area you could try hoopla or the coconut shy while there were prizes for the best cake, lettuce, rhubarb and strawberry. While over on the main music stage, East Ham resident James Anderson, star of TV's Britain's Got Talent, gave a mesmerising musical performance accompanied by fellow TV finalist, pianist Paul Gbغبgaje.

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Newham's got talent



Young Mayor Ali hands Stephanie her trophy

Talented songstress Stephanie Duru did Plaistow community forum proud when she competed in front of thousands of people at the Mayor's Newham Show.

The singer took to the main performance stage at East Ham's Central Park to represent Plaistow in the final of the Newham Talent Quest, the culmination of talent contests held in each of the nine community forums.

The winners from each area went on to battle it out to become the borough's hottest talent. Newham's Young Mayor Ali Mohamed supported the quest and he and fellow Youth Council members had the tough choice of choosing an overall winner.

While Stephanie missed out on the big prize she did receive an engraved glass trophy to reward her efforts. Community lead councillor Rohima Rahman said: "Stephanie did a great job in representing us and her performance on the day was superb. She is a real talent."



Newham Swords' supremo Linda Strachan takes on Lister School pupils' wacky creations

CHAZ BRINGS THE MAGIC TO YOUNGSTERS

Pupils from Lister Community School have been working with a leading London arts organisation on a special Olympic project.

Kinetika has been infusing students with the magic of the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games with a little help from a five foot high metallic rod puppet called Chaz.

The I-Robot style figure is one of seventeen puppets that have been touring schools across the country to inspire youngsters as part of the Biggest Learning Opportunity

on Earth. The year-long scheme is designed to excite children's interest in Olympic values, such as diversity, ahead of the Games.

Chaz was greeted at Lister School by a special welcoming ceremony and was handed a mock-up version of the Olympic torch by headteacher Martin Buck, which accompanied Chaz on visits to classrooms.

Year 7 pupils also took Chaz on a whistle-stop tour of the borough, taking in sights such as West Ham United Football Club.

FUN DOWN ON NEW CITY GREEN

Youngsters will find plenty to see and do when they head to New City Green on Tuesday 9 August from 12noon-4pm.

There will be a wide range of activities for those aged 14 and under including bouncy castles and arts and crafts.

The park itself is currently undergoing transformation and more than £300,000 has been spent on renovating play areas. Parents and carers are encouraged to come along and bring a picnic to enjoy on the day.

For more information email playservice@newham.gov.uk or call Shamilla Kumari on 020 8430 2000.



(l-r) Cllr Hussain and Laguda with members of NHS Newham's small 'c' campaign

COUNCILLORS' SUPPORT FOR THE SMALL 'C'

A breast cancer survivor was joined by councillors at the Mayor's Newham Show last month.

Frances Clarke, who works with the charity Community Links, is promoting breast cancer awareness as part of the 'small c' campaign to encourage women to check themselves more regularly for signs and symptoms.

She has been working with NHS Newham, running awareness sessions at community centres and schools in the borough.

Frances was joined by Plaistow councillors Forhad

Hussain and Joy Laguda, who is also Newham Council's executive member for older people and leisure.

Cllr Hussain said: "I hope this campaign makes people more vigilant. Checking yourself regularly and going to a GP if you have any concerns are the best ways of guarding against this disease. It's important for people to realise that the earlier a problem is identified, the easier it is to treat."

For more information visit www.smallc.org.uk or speak to your GP.

Front Garden Competition

More than 3,000 people attended Plaistow's summer festival last month, where winners of the garden competition were also announced.

Green-fingered residents were praised for their efforts in garden design and layout, vegetable quality and floral appearance.

Plaistow councillors Joy Laguda and Rohima Rahman judged the competition, where residents spent six weeks in preparation.

Dolly Baker from the Plaistow North ward was declared the winner, receiving the highest marks



Winner Dolly Baker along side Cllrs Laguda, Wilson and Rahman

for her vegetables, including a pumpkin as well as a variety of beautiful summer flowers.

The winner received a sunflower trophy, certificate and plants donated from West Ham Park, managed by the Corporation of London.

Youngsters also enjoyed the family event which featured bouncy castles, face-painting and numerous other activities. Council officers were on hand to explain more about how residents can access council services.

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 Dhama 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

WHAT'S ON PLAISTOW

Multi-activities

People with Disabilities Club

Tuesday
 Newham Leisure Centre
 Prince Regent Lane
 10.30am-12.30pm

Handball

Newham Flames

Tuesday U15, 3.30pm-5pm.
 U18 5.30pm-6.30pm
 Newham Leisure Centre, E13
 (Multi-Sports Hub)
 Call Ari Bekker on 020 8430 2484

East End Road Runners-for all abilities

Tuesdays 7pm, meet on the track at Newham Leisure Centre, E13.
 Annual membership £10
 £3 per session/non-members £4

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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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



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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.