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LATEST REGENERATION NEWS FOR CANNING TOWN AND CUSTOM HOUSE RESIDENTS



*Seasons Greetings from everyone
at the London Borough of Newham,
Pinnacle and Newham Homes*





INSIDE VIEW

It's been a busy and successful year for the Canning Town & Custom House Regeneration Team.

2008 has passed in the blink of an eye but the project is progressing and we have achieved a number of milestones recently.

We have secured funding of £24m to replace the Canning Town roundabout with a junction. The scheme will improve traffic flow, pedestrian access and enhance the town centre.

A planning application has been submitted for the Rathbone Market development.

We have also started the tender process for the Town Centre development (Area 7). We hope to appoint a developer by May 2009. We will involve residents in the appointment of a developer, further details will be in the next issue.

Demolition of Sparkes Terrace will begin in January. We will make every effort to keep disruption to local residents to a minimum.

In the next issue of E16 News we will be addressing issues and concerns around the current housing market and how this impacts on the regeneration project. If you have any questions you would like answered please send them in and we will try to include them.

Don't forget Café Divote in The Place is an ideal place to meet for a cup of tea and a sandwich. You can also find out more information about the regeneration project and talk to a member of the team.

I hope you all have a Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year. I look forward to continuing to update you on the progress of the Canning Town & Custom House Regeneration in 2009.

Helen Fisher

Project Director
Canning Town & Custom House
Regeneration Project

Kevin Wins Award

Councillor Kevin Jenkins OBE, Co-Founder and Senior Advisor at Community Links, has won the national Beacon Fellowship 'Community Builder' award, for his contribution to the children and young people of Newham.

Kevin is just one of six recipients of the 2008 Beacon Prize and joins the ranks of previous Beacon winners such as Sir Bob Geldof, Jamie Oliver and environmentalist, Zac Goldsmith who have all been recognised for their charitable work through what has become known as the 'Nobel Prize of the charity world'.

Kevin said "I am so pleased to receive this award. I hope it sends a message that our nation's children and young people deserve the very best start in life. They need our help to develop and learn and we should also remember the great contribution they can make to their communities through initiatives such as volunteering if they are only given opportunity and encouragement."

Kevin also received £30,000 to be invested in an innovative way in a charity of his choice.

Kevin received his award at a ceremony held during Community Links' Chain Reaction event on the South Bank in November.



This is a fantastic achievement, congratulations Kevin!



Cllr Kevin Jenkins OBE receiving his cheque.

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Nelson Street Studios
Nelson Street E16 1DS
020 7540 9880

Football focus



Peacock under 15 football team was set up in 2008 to provide sporting opportunities for local young people from Canning Town and across Newham to participate in organised competitions. Peacock FC are in their first season in the Waltham Forest district youth league, where they play all their matches on Sundays.

Their coach, John Turner, said: "We've been working really hard in training and the boys are very enthusiastic about being part of a team. Players are doing really well on the pitch by winning 4 out of 5 games, scoring 19 goals.

"Training and playing matches on a regular basis will engage young people and encourage them to be physically active, as well as break down barriers and improve discipline".

If you're aged 13 to 15 and are interested in playing or training with the Peacock football team or would like to find out more information about the team; contact 0207 511 3799.

A history of Canning Town & Custom House

You may remember in the last issue of E16 that we told you about our intentions to put together an exhibition celebrating the history of Canning Town & Custom House.

We are asking you as residents to have a look through your old photo albums for pictures of places and people in the local area.



If you would like to contribute we would make a copy of your image and return the original to you. If you do contribute, as a thank you, we will present you with a larger framed copy of the photo(s) that you submit.

Please contact Sam Clark at 'The Place' on 020 8430 5450 or via email at sam.clark@newham.gov.uk

A colourful attraction to local living

The Palette, a development of one, two and three bedroom apartments across five sites, has been launched by the London & Quadrant Housing Trust. The five sites are Tarling Road, Ford Road, Vandome Close, Crediton Road and Butchers Road.

The Tarling Road site has seen a block of seven two-bedroom apartments released on the private market with prices starting at £204,950. One has already been bought by a purchaser using the MyChoice HomeBuy scheme.

MyChoice HomeBuy is an updated Government-backed low-cost home ownership programme which enables first-time buyers access to an equity loan of between 15-50 per cent of a property's value.

MyChoice HomeBuy is aimed at local public sector key workers, such as health, education, police, MoD and emergency



Above: The Palette, Tarling Road

service employees, as well as many other professionals and first-time buyers who are struggling to get a foot on the property ladder.

Eligible applicants can choose their own mortgage lender. The Government is also offering £1,500 grants to help with legal fees and furniture.

Applicants pay a low rate of just 1.75% per annum on the equity loan funded by the London & Quadrant Housing Trust. The rate they pay on the standard mortgage would depend on the deal selected through the mortgage providers.

Suzanne Owens, Sales and Marketing Manager of marketing agency, Site Sales, said: "The Palette is a very exciting, vibrant development. Canning Town is very much an up and coming area and these apartments are right at the very hub of local life."

A show apartment and sales office are now open on the Tarling Road site, Thursday-Monday, 10am-5pm, telephone 0207 473 6035.



Further information can be obtained from Site Sales on 020 8502 5758 or by visiting www.site-sales.co.uk



Healthier eating

As part of a pilot project, HealthWorks in London are working in partnership with the Newham Food Access Project to encourage restaurants and cafes in Newham to put Healthier Alternatives on their existing menus, providing Newham residents with more of an informed choice about healthy eating.

As part of this project businesses are also provided with advice and guidance on food preparation and ingredients.

All cafes taking part were subject to a visit from an external chef trainer who observed their cooking practices and a nutritionist who provided feedback on making small but significant changes to their ingredients to further improve the health content and preparation of meals provided.

The Garden Community Café in Cundy Road, Custom House, volunteered to take part in a rigorous training and nutrition programme as part of the project and successfully met the criteria.

The Healthier Options Food Award was presented to The Garden Community Café by Councillor Patricia Holland on 14th October 2008 who congratulated them on their achievements.

To celebrate and demonstrate that 'healthy means tasty' Garden Community Café prepared their speciality 'Majic tasters' on the day for customers.

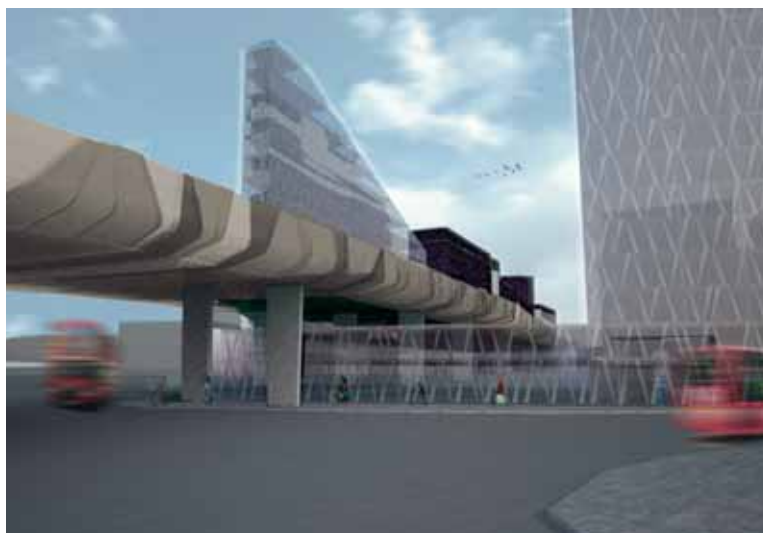


**For further information call
HealthWorks on 020 8430 4410**

A13 Junction improvements

Two exhibitions were held at the end of November to provide local residents with information about the proposed improvements at the Canning Town Roundabout. These proposals include replacing the roundabout with a junction which will impact on traffic movement, enable the expansion and improvement of Canning Town and reconnect Canning Town, north and south of the A13.

If you would like further information on these proposals please contact Keith Smith on 020 8430 3781 or keith.smith@newham.gov.uk



Man and woman's best friend!

Whether it is residents feeling intimidated by dogs off their leads or annoyed at the amount of dog dirt on the streets, concerns about dogs in the area have always been high on the agenda at our neighbourhood meetings.

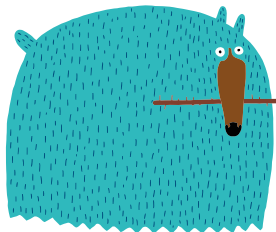
Between January and March 2009, Canning Town & Custom House Project will be running a project to encourage responsible dog ownership in the area. This is



From January, postcards designed by primary school children will be distributed to dog owners by residents, local police and council officers. The postcard will have useful information for dog owners and will allow us to inform you of various events we have planned in February and March specifically for people with dogs.

These will include events aimed at assisting you with training your dog as well as a fun event which will be something similar to the Crufts dog show. Pooper scoopers and bags will also be distributed from January to help owners clear up after their dogs. Please look out for notices on the notice boards in the area.

If you would like to get involved or provided with more information please contact Sam Clark at The Place on Silvertown Way on 020 8430 5450 or via email at sam.clark@newham.gov.uk



not about branding all dog owners irresponsible. It's about recognising the fact that we don't always know where to go when we need to find help in looking after our four legged friends.



Half term fun at Fords Park

The HEARTS shipping container in Fords Park saw much excitement over the half term when activities over the week culminated in a special event on the Friday. Over 150 young people joined in the fun which included an "It's a Knockout" competition, healthy cooking demonstrations and a football tournament organised by Youth House.

The refurbished shipping container is designed to bring sports and activity to young people in Canning Town to tackle inactivity, ill health and boredom. It is fully staffed by youth workers from Youth House.



East London Business Alliance (ELBA) members Man Group, Jack Petchey Foundation and Wilson James provided funding for the project along with the Metropolitan Police and the National Sports Foundation.

For further information please call Lynne Steer from the Youth House on 020 7473 3463.



Rathbone Market

Planning application submitted

Following the public exhibition held in September English Cities Fund (ECf) has just submitted a planning application to the London Thames Gateway Planning Authority for the Rathbone Market Scheme.



Before making a decision on the application the Council would like to know your views. A copy of the application can be viewed at the Council's Development Control offices at the Town Hall Annexe, Barking Road, East Ham, between 9am- 5pm, Monday to Friday.



You may also contact Development Control by e-mail at development.control@newham.gov.uk or online at <http://www.newham.gov.uk/planning>, where you will also be able to view the plans and other documents relating to this application as well as send us your views.

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New Young Mayor for Newham



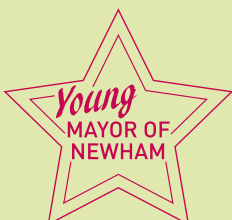
The new Young Mayor from Newham, Joshua Adejokun, lives in Custom House. Joshua, 14, attends Royal Docks Community School and received 1,655 votes, after almost 10,000 young people voted.

Joshua will have a budget of £25,000 and, along with the Youth Council, will decide how it will be spent.

They will also take responsibility for directing £400,000 from the Youth Opportunity Fund into local projects providing things to do and places to go for young people.

Joshua said "I ran for Young Mayor because I have a passion for making changes. My key priorities are reducing teenage crime, increasing recycling and using more renewable sources of energy."

We will be interviewing Joshua in the next issue of E16 News.



WEEKLY POLICE SURGERY

Every Wednesday
3pm to 5pm
The Place, 2 Silvertown Way
Canning Town E16

If you have any concerns about your local area like anti-social behaviour or crime, come and talk to us. An officer from Canning Town South Safer Neighbourhood Team will be available to listen and talk to you in confidence.



For more information please contact:
Sergeant Steve Micallef on 020 8721 2840
or email: canningtownsouth.snt@met.police.uk

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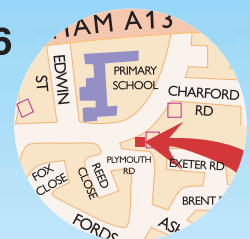
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14 Plymouth Road E16
Every Wednesday
10am-12pm

Contact Workplace on:
0208 430 4331

or Chris Collings on **07817 391 773**
or Ash Miah on **07866 842 604**

This project is funded by the London Borough of Newham. It is a partnership between Canning Town and Custom House Regeneration Project and Workplace.



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what's on

Christmas Shutdown

Please note The Place will be closed on Wednesday 24th December 2008, 2pm and will re-open at 9am on Friday 2nd January 2009.



Custom House and South Canning Town Area Tenants' Liaison Committee Meetings

Thursday 29 January, 7-8.30pm
Individual surgeries from 6.30pm
Cundy Community Centre,
Hartington Road, E16

Please confirm times and venues closer to the date by calling Christine Sandford at Newham Homes on 020 8430 4693

CALLING ALL RESIDENTS of Vandome Close, Hartington Road and Lambert Road, E16!

Vandome Close Tenants and Residents association is thriving and looking for new members!

If you would like to join the committee, or would be interested in finding out what is involved contact **Christine Sandford** on 0208 430 4693.

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the charity for
your community



71A Coolfin Road
Custom House E16 3AP
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Tel: 020 7540 4941/42

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