

IN FOCUS FOREST GATE

July 2011

JOLLY DAY OUT AT THE FESTIVAL

Around 5,500 residents from across the community forum enjoyed the feast of free fun and entertainment served up during the Forest Gate Festival.

Osborne Road off Woodgrange Road hosted a fantastic day out for all the family. Mayor Sir Robin Wales joined in together with forum councillors.

Community lead member Councillor Kay Scoresby said: "The Forest Gate Festival is always a great family day and this year was no exception.

"The dedicated team of residents who helped put it together have ensured everyone has had a great time. We must also thank the businesses and local organisations that helped make it possible."

Sir Robin said: "This is a great event and a fine example of a community coming together and getting to know one another, celebrating its diversity and creativity and having fun. As a council we do all we can to help events like this."



Sir Robin enjoys the fun with from left, Cllrs Winston Vaughan, Ellie Robinson, Kay Scoresby and Leanora Cameron

Activities included a climbing wall, tea dance, colourful street performers and stalls provided by the local community. Local music was showcased with band Tyson winning the Forest Gate Talent Quest competition. Their reward was a spot at the Mayor's Newham Show. Winner of the best front garden competition was Hassen Chitbahal.

Free cake was served at the tea dance at Forest Gate Methodist Church while Kay Rowe School

hosted a bouncy castle, face painting and arts and crafts, stories and paper and balloon sculptors. Other activities include jewellery making, cake decorating, t-shirt designing, health MOTs, the police Safer Neighbourhoods team, history and writing workshops.

See page three for pictures or visit the community website at <http://www.woodgrange.org.uk/festival.php>. Read more about that in the next edition of In Focus.



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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 Thursday from 28 July to 1 September at Forest Lane Lodge and Park, Magpie Close.

Parents and carers are encouraged to come along and enjoy being a big kid for the day.

All sessions will take place 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.

For more information email playservice@newham.gov.uk



L-r: Margaret's sister Elaine Wheeler, long time family friend Lord John Tomlinson, son Tom Wheeler, husband Terry Wheeler and above, daughter Abina

WALL OF FAME FOR FORMER HEAD TEACHER

A new climbing wall has been built in the sports hall at Forest Gate Community School in memory of head teacher Margaret Wheeler who died last October from breast cancer.

Mrs Wheeler had been in charge of the school in Forest Street for ten years before retiring due to ill health in August last year.

Under her leadership the school picked up several awards including High Performing Business and Enterprise Specialist School Status

two years running. She also played a key role in developing the 14-19 Partnership in Newham.

Her husband Terry opened the new fitness facility. Pupils had helped raise money towards the wall.

Head teacher Simon Elliott said: "Margaret's passion for education continues to live with us in the school and we are delighted that the excellent Wheeler Wall climbing facility will be lasting tribute to her life, work and achievements."

PUPILS PLANTING FOR A GREENER FUTURE



Pupils with back from left, Cllr Vaughan, Cllr Scoresby, teacher Christine Potts, head teacher Laura Hewer and Cllr Cameron

Forest Gate forum councillors Kay Scoresby, Winston Vaughan and Leanora Cameron dropped in at Earlham Primary School's summer fete to present pupils with a special award.

They handed over a plaque to children who are helping to make the neighbourhood a greener place by taking care of a giant wooden planter that has been installed in Forest Lane at McGrath Bridge.

The planter contains flowers, shrubs and ornamental grasses which the pupils will tend together with local residents. The council's Greenspace team helped with ideas about what they should put in, which plants are safe to look after and which are drought tolerant.

Councillor Scoresby said: "We thank the children for helping to make the neighbourhood cleaner and greener. These young people are an example of what we can all be doing to show real pride in where we live. We are all looking forward to seeing how the plants develop."

FOREST GATE FESTIVAL IN FOCUS

Festival t-shirts proved a hit



Sir Robin enjoys a cuppa with Bridie the tea lady



Stalls full of home made bargains



Martial arts displays wowed crowd

The Valkerie Vikings put on a show



Samba dancing was a success with everyone



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 FOREST GATE

Forest Gate Youth Zone Summer Programme, 25 July

to 13 August, 1 Woodford Road, Forest Gate. Activities include fashion and design, football coaching, games consoles, hair and beauty, karate, modelling, music technology, vocal training and weight training. See the events calendar at www.newham.gov.uk

Forest Gate play days, ages six to 14, every Thursday from 28 July to 1 September, Forest Lane Lodge and Park, Magpie Close. Sessions 10am to 4.30pm. Pack a picnic and enjoy a great day out. For more information email playservice@newham.gov.uk

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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Shama Ahmad



Paul Brickell



Ellie Robinson



Akbar Chaudhary



Leanora Cameron



Winston Vaughan

Forest Gate North Ward
Every Saturday (alternating)
10.30 - 11.30am
Durning Hall
Earlham Grove
Forest Gate, E7

Forest Gate South Ward
Every Saturday (alternating)
except Bank Holiday weekends
10.30 - 11.30am
The Gate, 4 - 20 Woodgrange Road
Forest Gate, E7

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.