

IN FOCUS MANOR PARK

February 2012



Cllrs Alexander, Scoresby and Sathianesan dig in with volunteers



From left: volunteer Morgan Chuks Ekeugo, local resident Marion Bates and her daughter and volunteer Susan Masters get planting

RESIDENTS ARE REALLY DIGGING PARK LIFE

Local residents joined Manor Park community forum councillors in braving the cold to help plant new trees in Plashet Park.

The Friends of Plashet Park had applied for the saplings from the Woodland Trust conservation charity. Their application was successful and they were awarded 450 new trees to plant.

Councillors Kay Scoresby, Jose Alexander and Paul Sathianesan joined volunteers young and old in planting hedgerow trees as well as holly and wild roses to give some seasonal colour and provide a home and food for local wildlife.

The volunteers also made some craft tree decorations which now adorn one of the trees.

Local residents are invited to get involved with making improvements to Plashet Park, organise community activities and help to create a masterplan for what they would like to see in the park in future. Newham Council has received a grant from the Heritage Lottery to work up some detailed designs.

The next meeting of the Friends group takes place at the Katherine Road Community Centre on 15 February at 6pm and everyone is invited.

A search is also on for anyone who has old photographs of the park before 1980 and especially ones that feature the old bandstand. If you can help call 020 3373 8405 or email Newham Council's parks team at parks@newham.gov.uk

Councillor Sathianesan said: "We want Plashet Park to be a place that can be enjoyed by all. We encourage everyone to come along and get involved in the life of the park."

CONTACT US

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ENFORCERS UNCORK SALES OF ILLEGAL BOOZE



A seized bottle of counterfeit Jacob's Creek wine

Shops in the Manor Park community forum area were raided by Newham Council's enforcement officers during a purge on the sale of illegal alcohol and cigarettes.

Off-licences, shops and supermarkets were among those checked. Alcohol believed to be fake, counterfeit, or illegal because no duty was paid, was confiscated from almost 80 premises across the borough – including 12 in the Manor Park area.

Manor Park ward councillor Salim Patel said: "Our job is to ensure shop keepers who sell illegal booze are brought to book."

Counterfeit alcohol tends to be rebottled wine where cheaper wine is poured into a more expensive bottle. Tell tale signs of illegality include spelling mistakes on labels, bottles of the same product looking different, bottles not filled to same level and labels not straight.

People suspecting these items should contact Consumer Direct on 01622 626520 or www.consumerdirect.gov.uk



NEW WAYS TO PAY

Newham Council's Local Service Centre based cash offices at Stratford, Manor Park and East Ham will cease to operate on 2 March. From this point onwards, you will no longer be able to use a cash office to make a cash, cheque, debit or credit card payment. If you are a cash office user you will need to find alternative ways to pay.

Alternative safe, quick and easy payment methods include paying online via the council's website or over the telephone using a debit or credit card, setting up a direct debit or a standing order.

All Newham libraries have free internet access and a member of staff can offer you help with using self serve kiosks and making payments online.

Customers can also use a cash payment card (Allpay) to pay rent or Council Tax at a post office or outlet displaying the Paypoint logo.

Allpay outlets near you can be found at:

- > Luxmis, 667 Romford Road, E12
- > Manor Park Mini Market, 631 Romford Road, E12
- > Istanbul International, 751 Romford Road, E12
- > J & R News, 437 High Street North, E12
- > One Click, 522 Romford Road, E7
- > Romford Road Post Office, 667 Romford Road, E12
- > High Street North Post Office, 460 High Street North, E12

To make a payment on-line visit www.newham.gov.uk/payit



LITTLE ILFORD TEA DANCE THEIR BEST EVER

Crowds of revellers packed Little Ilford School for a tremendous tea dance, with the highest attendance yet. Manor Park local ward councillors helped to promote the

event and some even came along to show off their moves on the dancefloor. The school looks forward to hosting more fun events in this Olympic year.



Monega pupils at play

School gets a good mark

Government inspectors have praised Monega School in Manor Park as being a good school where pupils are well behaved and enjoy their learning.

A team from the Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills visited the school in Monega Road in November and sat in on more than 30 lessons and three assemblies.

They have now written to the school praising staff for providing a safe and happy environment for children. They also praised children who have taken on responsibilities in the school such as playleaders and register leaders.

The inspectors also described the displays in school as "delightful" and said the classrooms provided a

"stimulating learning environment".

Community forum lead councillor Kay Scoresby, who also chairs the school governors, said: "This is a good result that reflects all the hard work of children, staff, governors and parents and carers. We will not rest on our laurels and will work with the inspectors on improving things further."

PARENTS OF DISABLED CHILDREN GET THE SUPPORT THEY NEED

Parents for Inclusion (PI) is a national organisation made up of a network of parents of disabled children, which has been working in Manor Park for the last eight years. It supports parents of disabled children to become advocates for those children and help them gain equality.

This is done through training, a helpline and having inclusion groups in schools. At the moment the Newham branch of PI runs inclusion groups in three schools. It aims to expand to more schools, provide more training for the group and extend this support to other parents of disabled children in the borough. It is currently looking for funding to do this.

If you are a parent of a disabled child and are interested to find out more about Parents for Inclusion Newham, or have funding contacts, please contact Sarifa Patel: patel.sarifa@yahoo.co.uk



Cllr Scoresby meets the parents

Spotlight on... Let's get the Party Started!

Make 2012 a year to remember with your chance to nominate someone for an Inspiring People Reward or celebrate by holding a community event - and it's all FREE!

If you want to celebrate the London 2012 Games or the Queen's Diamond Jubilee with your families, friends and neighbours we'll show you how easy it is to make it happen.

Newham Council is giving residents the opportunity to apply for grants of up to £250 to organise their own community event. This could be anything from a street party to a cake making competition, a talent show to a craft session. The sky's the limit so get your thinking caps on and contact 2012party@newham.gov.uk with your ideas.

And it doesn't stop there. Do you know someone who you believe deserves FREE tickets to the London 2012 Games?



This is your chance to make that special someone feel really special. Have they done something really outstanding, have they made just a little difference to someone else's life, do they need a little boost to their own life, are they housebound and would benefit from this 'once in a lifetime' opportunity? Nominate them and turn a dream into reality. You can find out more by visiting www.newham.gov.uk/inspiringpeople or turn to page 15 of the Newham Mag to read about our latest winner.

WHAT'S ON MANOR PARK

Manor Park Community Forum Spring Festival and talent quest

April 28, 2pm-5pm, Monega School, Monega Road Manor Park. For audition dates see next edition.

Manor Park residents are invited to an international women's day event

8 March, 9.30am-12.30pm, Katherine Road Community Centre, E7.

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

If your group has an activity to promote please contact us on: 020 3373 2684 or email: infocus@newham.gov.uk

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 8382 or email glennette.bowles-dove@newham.gov.uk
To email your local councillor write firstname.lastname@newham.gov.uk e.g. jose.alexander@newham.gov.uk



Jose Alexander



Firoza Nekiwala



Paul Sathianesan



Kay Scoresby



Amarjit Singh



Salim Patel



Andrew Baikie



Farah Nazeer



Khalil Kazi

East Ham North Ward

Every Saturday (alternating)
10.30 - 11.30am
Kensington School,
Kensington Avenue,
Manor Park, E12

Manor Park Ward

Every Saturday (alternating)
10 - 11.30am
Manor Park Local Service Centre,
685-689 Romford Road,
Manor Park, E12

Little Ilford Ward

Every Saturday (alternating)
10 - 11am
Jack Cornwell Community Centre,
Jack Cornwell Street,
Manor Park, E12

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 8430 2000.