

# IN FOCUS CUSTOM HOUSE & CANNING TOWN

August 2011



## RESIDENTS THRIVE AT SUMMER EVENT

There was fun in the sun for residents of Custom House and Canning Town at the annual Thrive festival.

Mayor Sir Robin Wales joined local people at the event, held in Memorial Park.

There was entertainment for all ages at the family event. Visitors had a ball at the football tournament, stood tall to watch the marching band and pulled their weight in the tug of war. Other traditional games included sack and egg and spoon raceS. There were also the staple kiddies' favourites, a bouncy castle and face painting.

Audiences were wowed with performances from around the

Hai ya! Sir Robin packs a punch with these karate kids from the Okinawan Karate School



world, from Chinese Lion Dancers and Zumba to line dancing and ballet.

ACT UP! Newham performed a play around discrimination faced by disabled people and popular Talent Quest winner Hayden Lawrence came back and performed for his home supporters.

Residents at the event also stepped back in time to discover the fascinating history of Custom House and Canning Town in special exhibition of photos. People

got their vital stats checked on the health MOT bus, enjoyed needlework at the patchwork workshop and packed a punch at the karate demonstration led by the Okinawan Karate School.

Ward councillors mingled with the crowds at the event, which also featured stalls providing information about council services, the Fire Brigade and updates on the extensive regeneration programme taking place across Custom House and Canning Town.

Forum councillors enjoy a ride on the horse drawn carriage



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# Newham's got talent

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Young Mayor Ali hands Hayden his trophy

Talented singer Hayden Lawrence did Custom House and Canning Town community forum proud when he competed in front of thousands of people at the Mayor's Newham Show.

Hayden took to the main performance stage at East Ham's Central Park to represent Custom House and Canning Town 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 Hayden missed out on the big prize he did receive an engraved glass trophy to reward his efforts. Community lead councillor Paul Schafer said: "Hayden did a great job in representing us and her performance on the day was superb. He is a real talent."



## SAVE YOURSELF SOME MONEY – GET RECYCLING

Last year, Newham residents saved £370,000 by recycling – and now's the time to save even more.

If you're not sure what can and can't be recycled in Custom House and Canning Town, the postcode locator on the Recycle for London website has all this information in one handy place.

Simply visit [www.recycleforlondon.com](http://www.recycleforlondon.com) and type in your postcode for a

full list of materials you can recycle in your recycling bin or orange bag, as well as details of your nearest recycling banks. Use these banks to recycle things like glass, textiles and batteries.

You can also find all information about our free bulky waste collection service; green garden waste service and Jenkins Lane Refuse and Recycling centre at [www.newham.gov.uk/recycling](http://www.newham.gov.uk/recycling)



The play area in Star Park

## STAR PARK UPGRADE CONTINUES

As a result of the masterplan to develop Star Park, work has begun on a new floodlit Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA). The improvements to the park have been made with input from the local community and councillors.

Last year, as part of the upgrade a new play area and table tennis tables were introduced in the green space, which have proved very popular.

The construction of the MUGA started in early August and is due for completion in mid September. The building site will be fenced off for the duration of the works, but the rest of the park will be unaffected.

**If you would like more information contact Vanessa Hampton on 020 3373 37938 or email [vanessa.hampton@newham.gov.uk](mailto:vanessa.hampton@newham.gov.uk)**

# Leslie Road Food Growing Project

On Wednesday 14 September, from 5-8pm, a new community food growing project will be launched on the William Paton House site, between Vandome Close and Leslie Road.

A community consultation was held in May, inviting local residents to get involved in the project. In five years time, the site will become part of the regeneration programme in Canning Town and Custom House but in the interim residents are managing the space through a project steering group, the Friends



Group.

If residents are interested in grabbing a plot to grow fruit and veg, or if you would just like somewhere pleasant to spend the

day, then you can join the Friends Group.

**Contact Sam Clark by emailing [sam.clark@newham.gov.uk](mailto:sam.clark@newham.gov.uk) or phone 020 3373 3538.**

## DON'T FORGET: September road closures

The arrival of the Defence Systems Equipment International (DSEI) exhibition at the ExCeL in September means some roads will be closed for approximately a week.

Custom House DLR Station to Royal Victoria Dock footbridge, Royal Victoria Dock footbridge, dock edge public area, from Corniche to Connaught Cut and Prince Regent DLR to dockside edge, will all be closed from 11-17 September.

The dock edge public area from Royal Victoria Dock footbridge to Connaught Cut will be closed from 8-18 September.

All closures are subject to change. Stay up to date by visiting the community page at [www.excel-london.co.uk](http://www.excel-london.co.uk). The password to access the dedicated page is 'community'. For further information email [info@excel-london.co.uk](mailto:info@excel-london.co.uk)

## CASH PAYMENTS

Paying your council bills at a cash office costs the council, and

therefore you, the taxpayer, more to process than any other method of payment. In our bid to move towards less expensive collection methods, and as part of the transformation of customer services, Canning Town cash office will close from Friday 30 September.

Canning Town Library is currently being refurbished and will reopen in September, featuring enhanced self-service kiosks for residents that will make transactions quicker and easier.

There are a range of safe and cost effective alternative payment methods available to customers who currently use Canning Town cash office (including payment points in local shops and post offices).

Advisors at Canning Town Local Service Centre can assist customers to access these payment methods. Residents can also pay bills online at [www.newham.gov.uk/payit](http://www.newham.gov.uk/payit)



## Spotlight on... Newham People's Panel

If you've got a lot of opinions on local issues, there is now an even easier way to have your voice heard. The Newham People's Panel is a new way for residents and visitors to make an impact on how the borough is run – and you won't even need to leave your sofa to get involved!

Visit [www.newhampanel.com](http://www.newhampanel.com) to find out more. Register as a member and the rest is plain sailing. We'll send you surveys on a range of topics; some surveys will include the opportunity to be entered into a prize draw.

Most surveys will take about ten minutes to complete. There will also be polls where you can log on and simply answer a quick question.

We want your thoughts on hot topics. This can be anything from employment to the cleanliness of your area, what leisure facilities you need, to what you want to see from the 2012 Games legacy.

Anyone aged over 16 can become a member of the panel

and you could be a resident or a visitor to Newham.

There may be some topics you're more interested in than others, so you can pick and choose which surveys you want to take part in. You will receive a summary of the results from each survey you complete and may be invited to give your opinion in future group interviews or focus groups – where you will probably be paid or receive vouchers for your help.

### Become a member of the Newham People's Panel

To sign up to the panel, visit [www.newhampanel.com](http://www.newhampanel.com) and fill in a short registration form.



## WHAT'S ON CUSTOM HOUSE AND CANNING TOWN

### Mayor's Football League, U14, U18

Thursdays  
4-6pm  
Memorial Park, E16

### Basketball

Division 2 Women  
Divisions 3 and 4 Men  
Monday  
7.30-9.30pm  
Rokeby School Barking Road, E16  
For details, contact coaches Chris on 07703 503 995 or Aurimas on 07712 176 301

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](http://www.newham.com)

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## 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 4008 or email [stella.hales@newham.gov.uk](mailto:stella.hales@newham.gov.uk)  
To email your local councillor write [firstname.lastname@newham.gov.uk](mailto:firstname.lastname@newham.gov.uk) e.g. [marie.collier@newham.gov.uk](mailto:marie.collier@newham.gov.uk)



Marie Collier



Clive Furness



Paul Schafer

### Canning Town North Ward

Cllr Collier and Cllr Schafer  
Every Monday (alternating), 10am  
7a Avondale Court, Avondale Road  
Canning Town, E16

Cllr Furness  
First and third Friday of the month, 6-7pm  
Helping Hands, 42 Balaam Street, E13



Bryan Collier



Michael Nicholas



Alan Taylor

### Canning Town South Ward

Cllr Collier  
Second and fourth Monday of the month, 10am-12pm  
Canning Town Local Service Centre, 3 Becton Road, E16

Cllr Nicholas  
First and third Thursday of the month, 10.30am-12.30pm  
Keir Hardie Methodist Church, 14 Plymouth Road, E16

Cllr Taylor  
First and third Thursday of the month, 6-7.30pm  
Trinity Community Centre, Bothwell Close, E16



Patricia Holland



Gavin Pearson



Conor McAuley

### Custom House Ward

Cllr Holland  
First Saturday of the month  
Cllr Pearson  
Second Saturday of the month  
Cllr McAuley  
Third Saturday of the month, 10-11am  
St Joachim's Catholic School  
Shipman Road  
Custom House, E16

**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](http://www.newham.gov.uk/mayor) or call 020 3373 0437.