

IN FOCUS **GREEN STREET**

June 2011



It's going to be a Super Summer

Put a note in your diary, Green Street Super Summer festival will be held at Priory Park on Saturday 23 July. It promises to be a fun-filled day with activities for all the family with dance performances, entertainment, henna and face painting as well as information on council services.

Local volunteers in the Active Community Team (ACT) have been busy putting their heads together with community lead councillor Riaz Mirza and ward councillors to come up with good ideas for the day, but there's always room for more. If you would like to get involved, either as part of the planning group or just



Children enjoying face painting at the Green Street Spring festival

volunteering to help out on the day, come along to the next ACT planning meeting. It will be held on Wednesday 15 June at the Priory Park Community Centre between 6.30pm and 8pm.

There's plenty for those who like their cake and eat it too. Some of you may have caught the mouth-watering display of cakes at the Spring Festival in Sandringham School in March. The talented cake decorators of Green Street are now about to enter

their intermediate class and will also be showcasing their work at Super Summer. The free workshops will be held at Katherine Road Community Centre on 1, 8, 15 and 22 July, 2pm-5pm, a further workshop will take place at the festival on Saturday 23 July. See What's On Green Street on p4 for more information.

To join the Green Street ACT contact Shabana Qadir on 020 3373 1267 or email shabana.qadir@newham.gov.uk



Display of cakes at Green Street Spring festival

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Beware of Council Tax scam



Bogus telephone callers claiming to be from the council are fooling residents into handing over their bank details.

The scammers have been informing people that they are due a Council Tax rebate and need bank details to deposit the funds.

Customers who are legitimately due a rebate are informed in writing. The council would never ask for bank details over the phone and residents are urged not to provide this information to callers requesting it.

If you receive a call you're unsure about asking for bank details note down as much detail as possible and call Newham Council on 020 8430 2000 or contact the police on 0300 123 1212.

Shaftesbury Road Car Park



Unsporting cricket players at Shaftesbury Road Car Park have hit their last run after residents complained of serious noise nuisance and damage to properties and cars.

After listening to residents' concerns, the council have agreed that the 24/7 car park must now be closed in the evenings to prevent these unruly games.

Councillor Sharaf Mahmood, who has worked closely with residents to find a solution to this problem said: "This improper use of the car

park and resulting noise nuisance and anti-social behaviour is totally unacceptable. Closing the car park in the evenings by erecting gates is the only way to totally stop this.

"If people wish to play cricket, they should play it in a park or even join a cricket club where they can play indoor cricket. We should respect that people live near the car park and that it is for parking cars and not a cricket or sports arena."

From 1 July, the car park will be gated and closed between 9pm and 8am.

DORSET ROAD COMMUNITY SPACE

A disused piece of land behind Dorset Road is being redeveloped for community use, but not before you have your say on what you'd like to see there.

The forgotten scrap of land is currently neglected and overgrown and residents are being consulted on proposals to develop the area into a community space and vegetable garden.

If you would like to get involved in the consultation, contact Shabana Qadir on 020 3373 1267 or email shabana.qadir@newham.gov.uk

Keep reading your In Focus for updates.



Keeping you in the picture

After tough competition from around 400 submissions, the two winners of the Queens Market mural art competition were named in the last edition of In Focus.

Sandringham pupils Urmi and Sana will now work with a professional artist, who has proposed constructing a mosaic featuring the winning designs in glass with castings in bronze resin.

Green Street East ward councillors Rohima Rahman and Riaz Mirza are keen that all the other entries are not forgotten. "As we received so many entries and the quality of the artwork was so good, we really want to find an opportunity to showcase



some of the other submissions," said Cllr Mirza.

As well as developing the work of ten runners-up into postcards, some of the designs will be displayed at the Green Street Super Summer Festival on Saturday 23 July whilst further plans are afoot to identify a venue to establish a Green Street Gallery

where this work, along with ongoing submissions, can be exhibited.

To submit your artwork for the Green Street Gallery, contact Shabana Qadir on 020 3373 1267 or email shabana.qadir@newham.gov.uk

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CONTROLLED PARKING IN GREEN STREET EAST

A proposal to introduce a Residential Parking Zone (RPZ) to an area covering parts of Green Street, Katherine Road, South Esk Road and Romford Road has received support from residents to go ahead following a local consultation.

Residents initially raised concerns around parking in the area during drop-in sessions with councillors last autumn. As a result a second public consultation was undertaken in April, and the council drafted a scheme aiming to reduce congestion by prioritising parking for residents and businesses. More than 300 households and businesses



responded to the consultation with 80 per cent of responses in support of the proposed scheme.

The scheme will provide allocated parking bays for permit holders and dedicated disabled parking bays. There will also be free short stay parking bays.

Following the consultation, the council has approved a pilot RPZ

for Green Street East, operating between 8am and 6.30pm, Monday to Saturday. It is anticipated that preparation for the RPZ will start in July. Anyone within the proposed RPZ will receive information packs and application forms for permits in advance of the scheme going live.

For more information visit www.newham.gov.uk/rpz

Spotlight on... new look Newham.com

If you don't already know about Newham.com, it is worth a click – and now even more than before, as we've given it a makeover.

Newham.com is the website that's all about the borough, minus the council business. It's a handy hub for all things Newham, and now it's even handier.

No longer will you need to wade through loads of search results for things to do in your area, or remember individual web addresses for local hotspots – you can just add Newham.com to your favourites and it's all been done for you. If you've just moved to the borough it's a great way to get an overview of what's on.

The new-look site has been divided into easy-to-use sections: live, visit, work, invest and business. Under each of these you can find lots

of sub-sites, each of them packed with information about your area.

We've launched a new community page under the 'Live' section where local groups can promote their



activities. If you run a local group, get in touch using the details below.

We're also helping visitors out with information on the tourist offers in the borough, detailing where to stay, things to see, where to eat out and shop.

If you're looking for work we have some information on writing a good CV, job search dos and don'ts and how volunteering can help you.

Local businesses should also keep an eye on the site as we will be adding more and more to this section over the coming months.

If you've got something to add to Newham.com, get in touch by emailing info@newham.com or calling 020 3373 2752.

WHAT'S ON GREEN STREET

Cake decorating workshops

1, 8, 15 and 22 July, 2-5pm
A final workshop will be held at the Green Street Super Summer festival on Saturday 23 July. These free workshops are for Newham residents only; 25 spaces are available on a first come, first served basis.

Call June Smith on 020 3373 4830 or email june.smith@newham.gov.uk
Katherine Road Community Centre
Tel: 020 8548 9825

Computer Class for 50+

Suitable for residents over 50, who wish to brush up their computer skills
Tuesday 10am -12pm & 1- 3pm
Free
Katherine Road Community Centre
Tel: 020 8548 9825

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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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 1267 or email shabana.qadir@newham.gov.uk
To email your local councillor write firstname.lastname@newham.gov.uk e.g. jo.corbett@newham.gov.uk



Jo Corbett



Riaz Ahmed Mirza



Pearson Shillingford



Nirmal Chadha



Sharaf Mahmood



Rohima Rahman



Mukesh Patel



Rustam Talati



Harvinder Singh Virdee

Boley

Cllr Corbett
Second Saturday of the month,
10.30 - 11.30am
Priory Park Centre,
106 Parr Road, E6

Cllr Ahmed Mirza
Fourth Saturday of the month
(except bank holidays)
10 - 11am
Priory Park Centre,
106 Parr Road, E6

Cllr Shillingford
Third Friday of the month,
6 - 7pm
Priory Park Centre,
106 Parr Road, E6

Green Street East

Cllr Chadha
Second Saturday of the month, 10.30am - 12pm
Katherine Road Community Centre, 254 Katherine Road, E7
Fourth Saturday of the month, 10.30am - 12pm
St Edmund's Parish Church 464 Katherine Road, E7

Cllr Mahmood
First and third Saturday of the month, 10am - 12pm
Katherine Road Community Centre, 254 Katherine Road, E7
Second and Fourth Saturday of the month, 10am - 12pm
William Davies Primary School, Stafford Road, E7

Cllr Rahman
Second Friday of the month, 10am - 12pm
Katherine Road Community Centre
Third Friday of the month, 10am - 12pm
Katherine Road Community Centre, 254 Katherine Road, E7

Green Street West

First, second and third Friday
6 - 7pm
Elmhurst Primary School
Upton Park Road, E7

Fourth Friday
6 - 7pm
Upton Centre
Claude Road, E13