

QUEENS MARKET GETS GREEN LIGHT

GREEN STREET » IN FOCUS

Covering Boleyn, Green Street East and West

Hello from Councillor Sharaf Mahmood

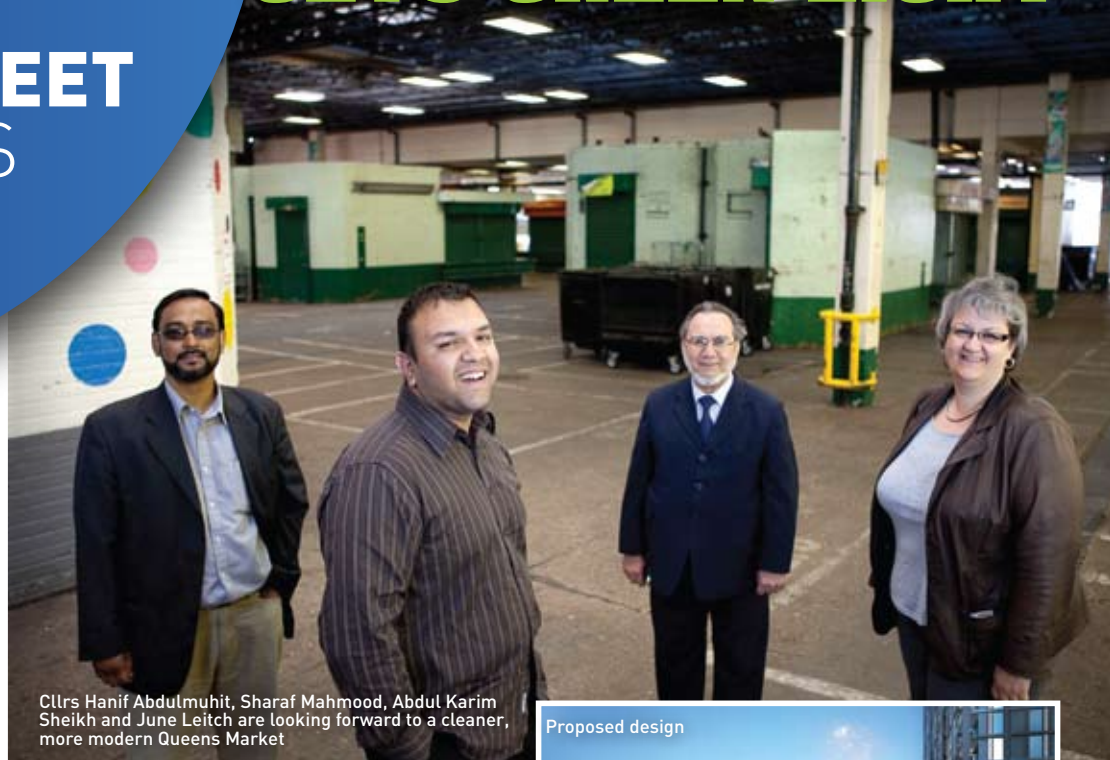
Welcome to this month's issue. Read about the big changes planned for Queens Market and our own Bollywood star in the making.

Get your football kit on for a footie competition and find out how you can get a grant if you've got an idea to help people stay healthy.

Enjoy the onset of summer with plenty of free fun activities in your local Summer Centre and find out how you can do something for your community if you've got a good idea.

Enjoy the read.

Community lead councillor, Sharaf Mahmood



Cllrs Hanif Abdulmuhit, Sharaf Mahmood, Abdul Karim Sheikh and June Leitch are looking forward to a cleaner, more modern Queens Market

The busy bustling market that's been on your doorstep for more than 100 years is set to get better after the council gave the green light to a multi-million pound revamp.

You can now look forward to an even better shopping experience with the £125m redevelopment creating a larger market hall with extra stalls for traders, bringing the total to 164.

Set in the heart of Green Street, Queen's Market will continue to sell a wide variety of high quality affordable fruit, vegetables, meat, spices and household items but with better facilities.

The market will be more accessible with more parking spaces and toilets. A new library and Local Service Centre, new homes and better recycling facilities mean you will have much more than a market on your doorstep.

Community lead councillor, Sharaf Mahmood, who regularly shops at Queens Market said: "This is fantastic news not just for the traders but for



Proposed design

local shoppers like me.

"But even if you don't shop at the market you will benefit from the new library and Local Service Centre."

The timeline for the redevelopment of the market is still subject to the Greater London Authority (GLA) approving the plans. If GLA approval is given, it is expected that the transformation will be completed after the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

In the meantime, the council will be working with the traders to improve the day-to-day running of the market and the environment for businesses and shoppers until the redevelopment begins.

Shops are open seven days a week, 9am-6pm. Market stalls are open Tuesday and Thursday to Saturday, 9am-6pm.

GET YOUR KICKS

The third inter-community forum five-a-side football competition kicks off this month so get your shin pads out and take part.

Heats for Green Street will be at Plashet Park in Plashet Grove with the grand final on Saturday 13 June at Memorial Park in Canning Town.

The competition is open to men and women aged over 16 and school years four, five and six (mixed), seven to nine and ten to 11 boys and seven to 11 girls.

Registration closes 20 minutes before kick off. Contact Lisa Brivati or Abul Hussain for more details on 020 8430 2484 or email lisa.brivati@newham.gov.uk or abul.hussain@newham.gov.uk

Plashet Park, E7

Adults:

Tuesday 2 June
6-8pm

Young people:

Thursday 28 May
11am-3pm

LITTER BUG BLITZ



CLRs (l-r) Abdul Karim Sheikh, Hanif Abdulmuhit, Sharaf Mahmood and (far right) June Leitch survey damage caused by pigeons with council officer, Gurbax Chana

Litter bugs should beware, as the council has targeted an area in Green Street to clean up its act, with fines being issued to traders and litter louts guilty of rubbishing the streets.

The blitz is part of a nationwide campaign by the environmental charity, ENCAMS, to clean up Britain. The council is working with the police and ENCAMS to target the areas between the junction of Plashet Grove and Selsdon Road near Queens Market.

Two people were issued with £80 on-the-spot fines for dropping litter in the streets while another 135 litter louts were stopped and formally warned for littering offences. Fifteen businesses are at risk of getting £300 fines and possible prosecution if they fail to produce valid

trade waste agreements within 14 days.

Twelve pigeon feeders in the square adjacent to Queens Market were advised not to throw food in the area and warned that they face risk of receiving an £80 fine if caught again.

More than 100 businesses, including eight fast food outlets, were supportive of the campaign and said they'd be doing more to keep their shop fronts clean in future.

"Residents tell us cleaner streets and making people feel safer are the most important issues facing the borough. This initiative is part of our wider commitment to clean up the streets," said executive member for anti-social behaviour and Boleyn ward councillor, June Leitch.

BOLLYWOOD TEACHER REACHES FOR THE STARS

Green Street's own Bollywood teacher is putting her best foot forward in a bid to become a superstar.

Vanisha Patel, 17, is the youngest member of a Bollywood dance group taking part in this year's BBC Proms. It's the first time the world-famous event will feature Bollywood dancers.

And sisters Bhavika, 14, and Roshni, 13, are following in their big sister's footsteps – with Vanisha teaching them at the Upton Community Centre.

Vanisha will join fellow dancers from Honey's Dance Academy at the Proms in the Royal Albert Hall on Sunday 16 August from 7.30-10pm.

You can learn Bollywood dance from Vanisha in the Upton Community Centre every Thursday from 5.30-7.30pm.



[centre] CLR Unmesh Desai gets some dance tips from Vanisha [centre right]

The classes are run by Honey's Dance Academy.

Phone the Upton Community Centre, Claude Road, E13 for more information on 020 8552 8647.

A special day for Green Street

Green Street residents and councillors pulled out all the stops when they celebrated an important day in England's calendar.

More than 200 people from different faith groups, backgrounds and cultures turned out to celebrate St George's day.

The event was funded by a council Go For It Grant and organised by the Citizen Development Community Centre in Katherine Road to mark the national day.

There was plenty of food, live music and traditional and modern dance performances and councillors spoke



Cllrs Sharaf Mahmood (l) and Rohima Rahman (r) meet performers Lucky and Priscilla

to residents about the meaning of St George's Day.

"Many people don't know what St George's Day is all about, so we thought it would be a good idea to hold an event to educate people.

"The day was a great success and I'm already looking forward to next year," said Green Street East ward

councillor, Rohima Rahman.

The Go For It Grants programme is open to residents who are passionate about an activity or project which can benefit the borough's diverse communities.

For more information call 020 8430 3918 or email goforit@newham.gov.uk

SUMMER CENTRE FUN



Dancing, outings, games and afternoon tea are all on the menu at Newham Council's new scheme for residents aged 50 and over.

The Summer Centres scheme offers residents the chance to make the most of the summer, meet friends and get out and about in Newham.

Katherine Road Community Centre in Katherine Road will host a range of activities, including dancing,

walks, outings, bingo, dominoes, darts, swimming, afternoon tea and bowls in the park.

**For further information visit www.newham.gov.uk
Katherine Road Community Centre (multi-activity centre)**

254 Katherine Road
Forest Gate, E7
020 8548 9825
Monday, Tuesday and Thursday only, 2-4pm

Thames Water works

You might have noticed that Thames Water is carrying out works as part of a flood alleviation scheme, which will mean road closures in some areas of Green Street.

Thames Water's main contractor, Costain, is upgrading the sewers and building a new underground tunnel, set for completion in spring 2010, which will carry excess water away.

In the long-term, this is great news for more than 700 homes and businesses because it will decrease the risk of flooding in the area. However in the short-term it will lead to some road closures to allow these works to be carried out.

Thames Water is working with the council to try to minimise disruption.

For more information call the Thames Water customer care line on 08459 200 800 quoting your address and reference number BB734022.

SPOTLIGHT ON...

ACT UP! NEWHAM COMMUNITY PERFORMANCE GROUP

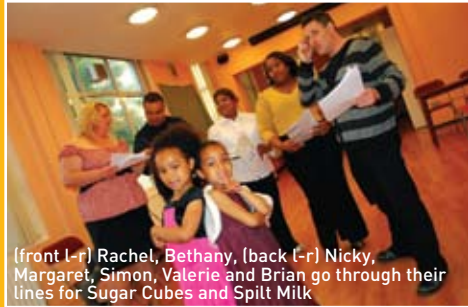
It all started with a home-grown musical organised by the Green Street community forum that raised the roof, with amateur actors performing to sold-out audiences on three consecutive nights.

But when the curtains closed and the show was over, the actors, who enjoyed their first ever acting stint and had formed close relationships, decided the show must go on and set up their own group, Act Up!

Funded by the council, Act Up! is a voluntary community based acting and writing group run by its members. The acting group meets every Thursday from 6-9pm at the Katherine Road Community Centre to rehearse a new play that they are putting together.

The writing group meets every Wednesday in one of the member's homes to write the script for the play. The play, Sugar Cubes and Spilt Milk, is set in a café, which is being threatened by the arrival of a new superstore. The play documents the journeys of the individual characters that frequent the café.

"We're looking for volunteers to help



(front l-r) Rachel, Bethany, (back l-r) Nicky, Margaret, Simon, Valerie and Brian go through their lines for Sugar Cubes and Spilt Milk

out backstage, with set design or just on the night. Get in touch if you want to be involved," says production manager, Brian Miller.

"Our group is open to all ages, abilities and cultures. We have lots of different types of productions and workshops on the horizon. So, if you're into any kind of performance and want to get involved, we want to hear from you," says secretary, Clare Maybury.

Check out the group's first play, Sugar Cubes and Spilt Milk, on Friday 19 and Saturday 20 June in the Harold Road Centre, 170 Harold Road, E13. Tickets are a steal at £3 (£2 concessions). Book your ticket before they sell out by emailing act-up@live.co.uk and pay in cash on the night. Call 07950 338 390 for details.

WHAT'S ON GREEN STREET

Newham's Futsal League, open to young people 16+
Starting Wednesday 10 June
Lister Community School
St Mary's Road, E13
Phone 020 8430 2489 for more information

Mini playday
Tuesday 26 May
12noon - 4pm
May Green
St Mary's Road, E13
Call for more information
0800 074 1017

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:
www.newham.com

If your group has an activity to promote please contact us on: 020 8430 3544 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 1267 or email shabana.qadir@newham.gov.uk



June Leitch



Riaz Ahmed Mirza



Pearson Shillingford

Boleyn

First and third Monday of the month
Councillor Leitch
6 - 7pm
Fourth Saturday of the month (except Bank holiday weekends)
Councillor Ahmed Mirza
9.30 - 10.45am
Newham Town Hall, Barking Road E6

Third Friday of the month
Councillor Shillingford
6 - 7pm
Priory Park Centre
106 Parr Road
East Ham E6



Sharaf Mahmood



Rohima Rahman



Abdul Shakoor

Green Street East

Every Saturday
10am - 12noon
Councillor Mahmood
Second and third Friday of the month
10am - 12noon
Councillor Rahman
Second Saturday of the month
10.30am - 12noon
Councillor Shakoor

Katherine Road
Community Centre
254 Katherine Road E7

Fourth Saturday of the month
Councillor Shakoor
10am - 12noon
St. Edmund's Parish
Church and Centre
464 Katherine Road E7



Hanif Abdulmuhit



Asif Karim



Abdul Karim Sheikh BEM

Green Street West

Every Monday 9.30 - 1pm
Every Friday 2 - 5.30pm
Harold Road
Community Centre
170 Harold Road E13
(alternating)
First Saturday of the month
Councillor Abdulmuhit
10.30am - 12noon

Second Saturday of the month
Councillor Sheikh BEM
10.30am - 12noon
Third Saturday of the month
Councillor Karim
Elmhurst Primary
School, Upton Park 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.