

IN FOCUS EAST HAM

January 2012

GOVERNOR AT SCHOOL HONOURED

East Ham resident Diana Green, the chair of governors at Nelson Primary School, has been awarded an MBE in The Queen's New Year Honours list, commending her for her hard work and dedication.

Diana received the accolade for her outstanding performance on environmental data management for HM Revenues and Customs (HMRC), but her contribution to society as chair of governors was also taken into account.

School governor and Wall End ward councillor Ted Sparrowhawk said: "We all join in congratulating Diana. The honour is well deserved."

Diana's work included ensuring that her department met the environmental targets set by the government to reduce energy consumption and ensuring that carbon emissions from air and road travel were significantly reduced.

She also set up the HMRC spectacle recycling scheme, which has donated more than 10,000 pairs of spectacles to people in developing countries.

Diana has been chair of governors at the school in Napier Road for eight years and led on the recruitment



Diana (front row) is congratulated by pupils and (back row l-r) deputy head teacher Sue MacDonnell, Cllrs Ted Sparrowhawk and Lakmini Shah and head teacher Fiona Cullen

of both the head and deputy head teachers in the past year.

Nelson School head teacher Fiona Cullen said: "Diana is a great example of how members of a local community can work with schools. The commitment she has given to us has been an enormous factor in our improvement over the past 18 months."

Diana said: "I am delighted to have received this honour. It has

come as a complete surprise and I am very excited that my family will be joining me for the investiture at Buckingham Palace.

"I really enjoy my challenging and rewarding work at Nelson Primary School and am looking forward to continue to work with the staff and the rest of the governing body to ensure the school goes from strength to strength."

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LIFEGUARD COACHING



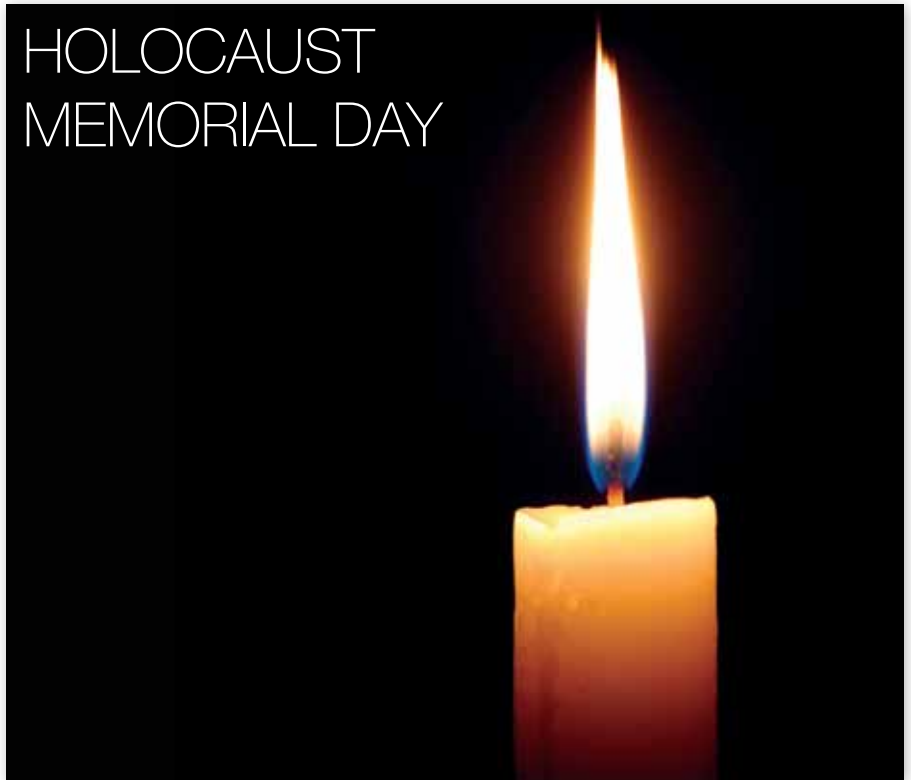
Female residents aged 16 to 19 that can swim at least 50-metres are being offered the opportunity to get a free National Pool Lifeguard Qualification.

The course, which usually costs £270 has been funded by Newham Council and the Mayor's Legacy Trust Fund.

Anyone who meets the minimum criteria will be invited to a short interview and pool test on Monday 30 January, from 4-6pm at Newham Leisure Centre, E13, where you can also get a taste of what the course entails. Booking is essential.

The course will take place during half term week (13-18 February). Places are available on a first come, first served basis. To book a place at the open evening email Sarah Ridgway at sarah.ridgway@gll.org. For more information visit www.newham.gov.uk/swimming

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY



Holocaust Memorial Day (HMD) is an internationally recognised event that provides the opportunity for everyone to learn the lessons from the Holocaust, the Nazi persecution and mass murder of Jews and other minority groups. On Friday 27 January Newham Council is inviting residents to a free event at Newham Town Hall, Barking Road, East Ham, from 10am-12noon, to mark HMD.

The theme for this year is 'speak up, speak out' which encourages standing up to all forms of persecution and genocide and challenging those who seek to deny the Holocaust.

At the event, Mayor Sir Robin Wales will be joined by Gillian Walnes, from the Anne Frank Trust and West Ham United chairman David Gold. Gillian will talk about the Nazi Holocaust and the need to continue to tackle anti-Semitism and holocaust denial in the present day. There will also be music and drama by schoolchildren and a traditional candle-lighting ceremony and a minute's silence to remember the victims of the Holocaust. For more information visit www.newham.gov.uk

CLEAN-UP DAY

Residents of East Ham are invited to take part in a clean-up day that aims to tidy up the streets and bring the community together.

The clean-up will cover a number of roads in East Ham including Denbigh Road, Lichfield Road and Frinton Road.

The event will take place on Sunday

12 February from 11am to 1pm.

If you'd like to join in and get involved, whether it is for 20 minutes or two hours, meet at 11am on the corner of Denbigh Road and Lonsdale Avenue.

For more information call Kim Vasa on 020 3373 3578 or email kim.vasa@newham.gov.uk



The group hard at work

PLANTING WORK IS TREE-MENDOUS

Residents joined East Ham community forum councillors in planting sapling trees along the Greenway bank between Fabian Street and High Street South to attract and encourage habitat and create a natural screen to properties.

East Ham South ward councillor Kevin Jenkins headed the project,

which was carried out by the London Wildlife Trust and grounds maintenance firm Serco.

Councillor Jenkins said: "The Greenway has become a constant target for fly-tipping and we hope that these improvements will encourage residents to help us maintain the area. "If people were unable to take

part in the planting they can always help by watering the trees as spring approaches."

To deter fly-tipping, the council offers a free bulky waste collection service and green waste collection to all residents. For more information or to book a collection call 020 8430 2000.

ENFORCERS UNCORK SALES OF ILLEGAL BOOZE

Shops in the East Ham 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 18 in the East Ham area.

East Ham Central ward member Councillor Ian Corbett, executive member for environment, 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



A seized bottle of counterfeit Jacob's Creek wine

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 EAST HAM

Big Garden Birdwatch with the RSPB

28 and 29 January, 11.30am-3.30pm, Café in the Park, Central Park, High Street South, E6. Take part in the annual count of birds in the park. Free event. Call 020 3373 7511.

East Ham and West Ham Pensioners' Association

Campaigning group in defence of pensioners. All pensioners welcome. Meets on the first Thursday of every month, 2-4pm East Ham Town Hall, E6

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 3578 or email kim.vasa@newham.gov.uk
To email your local councillor write firstname.lastname@newham.gov.uk e.g. kevin.jenkins@newham.gov.uk



Kevin Jenkins OBE



Rev. Quintin Peppiatt



Lakmini Shah



Ian Corbett



Unmesh Desai



Mary Skyers



Ormana Gangadharan



Lester Hudson



Ted Sparrowhawk

East Ham South Ward

Cllr Jenkins
Every Saturday (except bank holidays), 9.30-11am
Brampton Primary School, Masterman Road, East Ham, E6

First and third Saturday of the month (except bank holidays), 1- 3pm
Roman Road Primary School, Roman Road, E6

Cllrs Peppiatt and Shah
Every Saturday (alternating), 10am
Vicarage Lane Primary School, Vicarage Lane, East Ham, E6

East Ham Central Ward

Cllrs Corbett and Desai
Every Friday, 5.30-6.30pm
Committee Room 3, Newham Town Hall, Barking Road East Ham, E6

Cllr Skyers
First Saturday of the month, 10-11am
The Hartley Centre, 267 Barking Road East Ham, E6

Wall End Ward

Cllr Gangadharan
Second Saturday of the month, 10am-12noon

Cllr Hudson
Fourth Saturday of the month, 10am-12noon
Altmore School, Altmore Avenue, East Ham, E6

Cllr Sparrowhawk
First and third Saturday of the month 10.30am-12noon
Nelson Primary School
Caretaker's house, Napier Road East Ham, E6

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.