

IN FOCUS **STRATFORD AND WEST HAM**

August 2011

Get set for funtastic festival

Residents from across the Stratford and West Ham community forum area are invited to a fantastic free festival coming to Stratford Park on Saturday 20 August from 12noon to 4pm.

The Stratford Summer Festival, organised by the Stratford Active Community Team working with local councillors, voluntary groups, organisations and service providers, promises to have activities for all ages and tastes.

Community lead councillor Richard Crawford has got the date in his diary and said: "I hope to see you all there. It's going to be a great day out and a good chance for people to gather together and make new friends while trying out some activities they haven't done before."

Sporty types can test their prowess at karate, capoeira and football, while if dance is what you're into you can get in step with some Zumba rhythms.

If you feel like being pampered then some massage, yogo or henna tattoos may be what you're after. For the more creative amongst you there is cake decorating, arts and crafts workshops, T-shirt printing and jewellery making as well as a writing competition.



Cllr John Gray, second right, enjoys the dancing last year

Young ones are well catered for with didgeridoo playing, a bouncy castle, face painting, story-telling and theatre.

Health MOTs, fashion shows and a chance to talk to your local councillors about the things that matter most to you are also on the agenda.

You can also find out more about the Olympic Park and contribute to an audio guide by artist Lucy Harrison. She wants poems, memories and thoughts for a podcast and guidebook which will take listeners around the Olympic Park.

Visit www.mappingyourmanor.com for details.

Stratford Park in West Ham Lane is wheelchair accessible. The nearest station is Stratford and buses 69, 104, 238, 241, 262, 276 and 473 pass close by.

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Saturday 20 August
12noon-4pm
Stratford Park
West Ham Lane, E15

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Newham London

Newham's got talent



Young Mayor Ali hands Rueanne her trophy

Talented songstress Rueanne Duncan-Jones did Stratford and West Ham community forum proud when she competed in front of thousands of people at the Mayor's Newham Show.

The singer took to the main performance stage at East Ham's Central Park to represent Stratford and West Ham in the final of the Newham Talent Quest. It was the culmination of contests in each of the nine community forums.

The winners from each 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 to choose an overall winner.

While Rueanne just missed out on the big prize, she did receive an engraved glass trophy to reward her efforts. Community lead councillor Richard Crawford said: "Rueanne did a great job in representing us and her performance on the day was superb. She is a real talent."

Catch Rueanne at the Stratford Summer Festival, see cover for details.

School improvements are top class



Sir Robin, left, Cllr Peppiatt and Ms Brown at the opening ceremony with pupils

Mayor Sir Robin Wales helped to officially open the new £17m facilities at Stratford's Sarah Bonnell School.

He joined Councillor Quintin Peppiatt, executive member for children and young people, West Ham MP Lyn Brown and Shami Chakrabarti, director of human rights group Liberty, on a tour of the school's new building in Deanery Road.

It houses a spacious and welcoming new entrance for visitors, a new library and study centre, two drama studios, a dance studio

and music studio and a spacious assembly hall as well as new offices. The work was a Building Schools for the Future project.

Part of the main Edwardian building has also been redesigned to provide new accommodation for the school's specialist area of world languages. All other areas of the school have been redecorated and there is a new multi-use games area.

The Mayor said: "All of our pupils deserve to have a first class learning environment."



New parking restrictions are to be introduced in two parking zones in Stratford to ensure that everyday life is as hassle free as possible for residents and businesses when the Westfield Stratford City complex opens in September.

The changes to days and operating hours in the Stratford North East and Stratford North West residential parking zones are being made following consultation with local people.

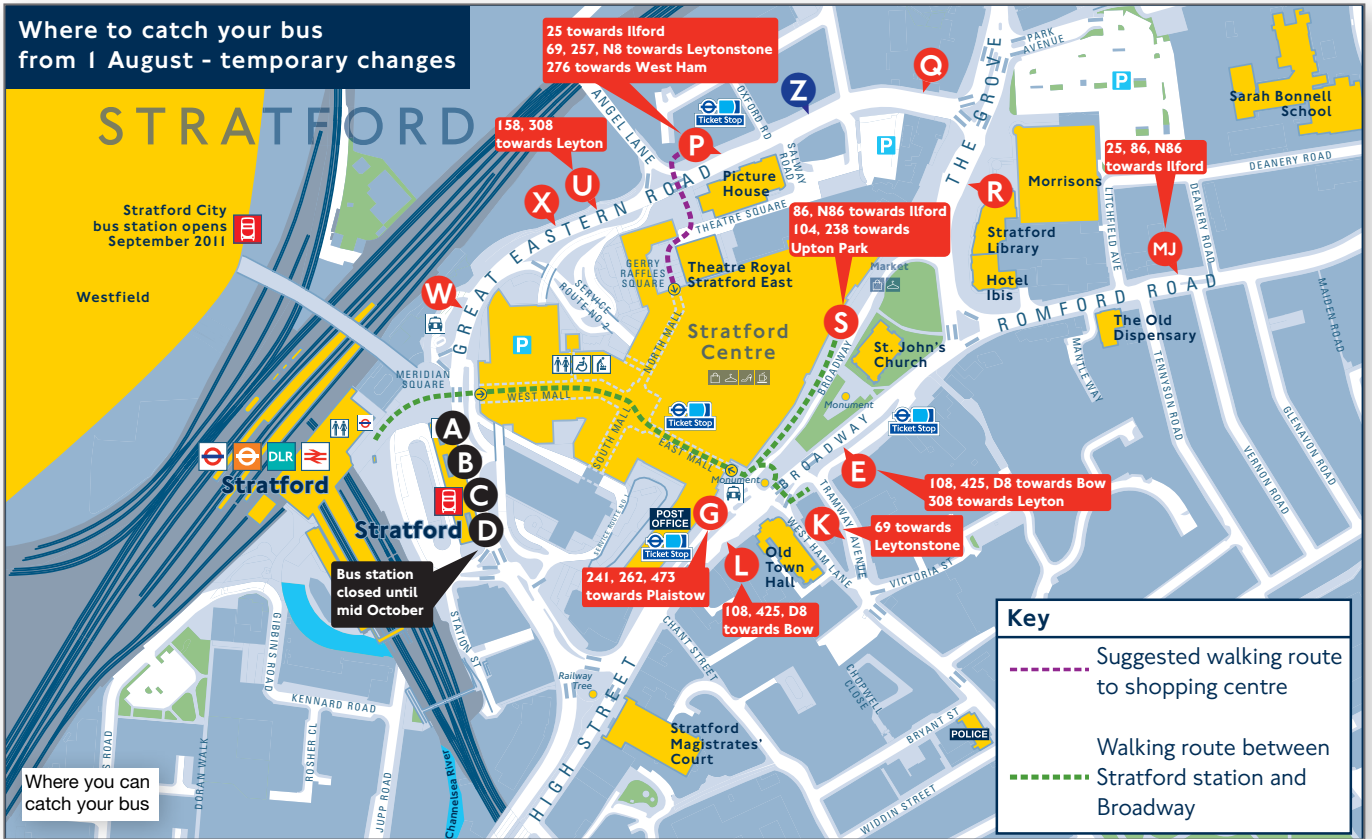
The two zones currently operate Monday to Friday, 10am to 12noon.

From the beginning of September both will now operate from Monday to Sunday from 8am to 6.30pm.

The situation will be monitored after Westfield Stratford City opens and a further review of parking demand and control will be undertaken early in 2012.

There will be no change to the days or hours of control in Stratford Central (Monday to Saturday 8am to 6.30pm) or Stratford South East and Stratford South West zones (Monday to Friday, 10am to 12noon.) All existing permits will still operate during the new hours.

Where to catch your bus from 1 August - temporary changes



PULLING OUT THE STOPS FOR IMPROVEMENTS

Stratford Bus Station will be closed until 23 October while improvement works are carried out by Transport for London working with Newham Council.

To minimise disruption and to safely carry out the works, buses will be diverted to use other stops around the town centre.

The works include a full repair

and resurface of the roadway in the bus station and pavements will be repaired and decluttered. There will be new shelters, better lighting, a deep clean of the bus station canopy and the kiosk moved to improve the flow of people through the station.

The work will be done in phases with the road resurfacing happening

first, followed by the onsite reconstruction works. Some building work will continue to next January but the bus station will re-open to the public from 24 October.

If you have any questions about the closure contact STEngagement@tfl.gov.uk

Carnival of delights for pupils

Mayor Sir Robin Wales visited pupils at Carpenters Primary School in Stratford to congratulate them on their involvement in the recent Newham Carnival.

Schools that participated in the carnival, which took place around the streets of East Ham and in Central



Park, are all being presented with a specially engraved glass award.

Each pupil that took part in the colourful parade was also presented with a medal to keep in recognition of their involvement in the event.

Sir Robin said: "The children told me about how much they enjoyed getting

involved in the carnival procession despite the horrible weather. It was a pleasure for me to be able to honour their involvement.

"Come rain or shine, the carnival is always a colourful and vibrant event and gives us the chance to get together and have fun as a community."

Spotlight on... Under the Stars

The sand from the beach at the Mayor's Newham Show may have been swept away but we're already gearing up for Newham's next free extravaganza - the musical spectacle that is **Under the Stars**.

If you enjoy jazz, eastern influenced beats, rock or classical melodies, look no further than Central Park, East Ham, where every night from Thursday 25 August to Sunday 28 August, you can enjoy four nights of music that's guaranteed to get your hands in the air.

What has become the Glastonbury of Newham opens with the cool, laid-back sounds of jazz provided by the world renowned saxophonist Courtney Pine and a host of other amazing headline acts.

The sound of the dhol drum takes over on Friday as BBC Radio 1 DJ Nihal presents a night of Eastern Beats. Bhangra sensation H Dhami is back by popular demand and this time he's joined by his father's legendary Bhangra group, Heera, who will be headlining the night.

On Saturday, we will rock you with performances from the Queen tribute band, Queen on Fire, who'll be joined



by twelve piece live band, MIB who, at the Royal Wedding, entertained more than 300,000 revellers in London's Hyde Park.

As always, on Sunday, Under the Stars ends on a high note, with the relaxing sounds of the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra. As well as classical renditions the audience will be treated to a dazzling firework finale.

Under the Stars
Thursday 25-Sunday
28 August, 7-10.30pm
Central Park,
High Street South, E6
All Under the Stars events are
FREE. For the full line-up visit
www.newham.com/summer

WHAT'S ON STRATFORD AND WEST HAM

Come and enjoy all the events at the Stratford Summer Festival

Saturday 20 August
 12noon-4pm
 Stratford Park
 West Ham Lane, E15

Have some fun at the free Stratford mini-play day for children aged under 14 and their families

Tuesday 30 August, 12noon-4pm
 Abbey Lane Open Space, E15.
 For more information email
playservice@newham.gov.uk

Put on your dancing shoes and get along to the tea dance at the Old Town Hall, Broadway, Stratford, E15,

Monday 8 August, 1.30pm to 4.30pm

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 6045 or email laura.beswick@newham.gov.uk
 To email your local councillor write firstname.lastname@newham.gov.uk e.g. richard.crawford@newham.gov.uk



Richard Crawford



Charlene McLean



Terry Paul



Freda Bourne



John Gray



Ron Manley

Stratford and Newtown Ward

Every Saturday
 10.30am
 St John's Church
 Stratford Broadway, E15

West Ham Ward

Cllr Bourne
 Second Saturday of the month
 10 - 11am Rokeby Community Centre,
 Rokeby Street, E15
 Fourth Saturday of the month
 10 - 11am Vicarage Lane Community Centre,
 Vicarage Lane, E15

Cllr Gray
 Third Saturday of the month
 10 - 11am Rokeby Community Centre,

Rokeby Street, E15
 Second Saturday of the month
 10 - 11am Vicarage Lane Community Centre,
 Vicarage Lane, E15

Cllr Manley
 First Saturday of the month
 10 - 11am Rokeby Children's Centre, Rokeby
 Street, E15
 Fourth Saturday of the month
 10 - 11am Leather Gardens TA, 1st Floor,
 Brassett Point, Abbey Road, Stratford, E15

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.