

IN FOCUS BECKTON

June 2011

Countdown to Beckton Summer Festival

Beckton Summer Festival returns next month, bigger and better than ever!

The free event on Saturday 9 July which is held in New Beckton Park, Savage Gardens, will offer a wide range of fun activities which all the family can get involved in. From arts and crafts to karate, there is something for everyone.

Reflecting the rich diversity of the area, visitors to the festival will be able to sample food from Russia, listen to Chinese singing or try out the Brazilian art form Capoeira.

Talented performers from across Newham will also be showcasing their talents throughout the day to residents. Some of the acts confirmed include Newham Steel Band, the Lithuanian Dance School and the Sunshine Choir.

In addition to this, there will be an exciting owl display, cake decorating workshops and Indian head massages on offer.

A mini playday for children and their families will take place during the



Cllr Ayesha Chowdhury, Cllr David Christie and Cllr Alec Kellaway at Beckton Summer Festival in 2010

festival. There will be an opportunity for youngsters to take part in arts and crafts, messy play and lots more.

Cllr Ayesha Chowdhury said: "I always look forward to Beckton Summer Festival – it is a great family event and a good way to bring the community together. With so many different activities on offer, I would encourage all Beckton residents to bring their families and enjoy a fantastic day out."

Community safety, Newham Health Partnership and Neighbourhood Watch will be present offering information about their services. There will also be advice about training and employment opportunities.

For further information about the event or to get involved please contact John Watts on 020 3373 1418 and for more information on play, Sharon Cox on 020 3373 7247.

CONTACT US

If your group has an activity to promote please contact us on: 020 3373 2684 or email infocus@newham.gov.uk



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.

SUCCESSFUL NETWORKING EVENT HELD

Beckton residents looking to get more involved in the community attended a networking event last month organised by local councillors.

The event was organised by Cllr Ayesha Chowdhury, Cllr Alec Kellaway and Cllr David Christie and took place at Gallions Primary School. Residents and other representatives from the community were invited.

Group discussions centred on how the community could have more of a voice and get involved in decision-making processes and how Beckton could become a better community.

From these discussions the councillors will look at putting together a booklet of key community contacts, organising more events, and look at setting up more clubs for hobbies such as walking and knitting.

Councillor Ayesha Chowdhury said: "This was a very useful event and we hope to hold more in the near future. We thought it



was important for local residents, businesses and community representatives to network to help build and strengthen relationships and share information. It was also a good opportunity to promote councillors as community leaders and solve local problems."

Another event has been planned for August. Further details will be available in the July In Focus.

NEW PARKING RESTRICTIONS



Parking restrictions have been introduced on a number of Beckton roads.

Consultation was carried out with residents last year due to parking problems in the area. As a result, double yellow lines at some road junctions will be introduced in Covelees Wall, Horse Leaze, Newark Knok, Peverel and Warwall. This is to help

improve safety and access for buses, emergency and refuse vehicles.

Single yellow lines operating 11am to 3pm, Monday to Friday, have been introduced on Covelees Wall and Newark Knok to deter all day non-resident parking.

For further information please contact the Parking Design Team on 020 3373 4325.



Beckton Keep Safe team at Gallions Reach

KEEP SAFE SCHEME LAUNCHED AT GALLIONS REACH

A new scheme to help disabled people feel safer in Newham has been launched at Gallions Reach.

Keep Safe is a community project which involves Newham Council, Newham Police, Safer Transport and training and education centre, Newtec. As part of the project local shops and businesses are asked to display a sticker in their windows which indicates support is available to any disabled person who is

feeling unsafe or who has been the victim of a crime.

Any disabled person can join the scheme and those that do will be given a Keep Safe card or keyring containing emergency contact details. They can use the card at any Keep Safe site and will be supported while they make their call.

Catherine Goddard, centre manager at Gallions Reach, said: "We are very supportive of all that

the Keep Safe scheme stands for and we are very proud to have launched such a worthwhile initiative here at Gallions Reach."

If you would like to join Keep Safe or if you are a business interested in becoming a Keep Safe site, please call the Community Involvement Team on 020 3373 1884 or email community.team@newham.gov.uk

Volunteers needed for world food day celebration

An international food celebration will be held as part of Beckton Summer Festival.

Visitors on the day will be able to sample dishes from across the globe with a wide and diverse range of food on offer. Several community groups in Beckton are getting together to organise the stall which will include dishes from Asia, Africa, Eastern Europe and Britain.



The groups taking part so far include Newham Chinese Association, Beehango and some local churches. As part of the festival a recipe booklet will be put together which will include

details about some of the activities the groups offer.

For further information or to get involved please contact Nadine Ford on 020 3373 1705.

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 BECKTON

Yoga classes

Wednesday 15 June and Wednesday 22 June 10am-12pm at Beckton Globe sports hall
Olwyn Coulridge's yoga classes.
Cost: £2 per session, payable for the term in advance. Mats provided. Everybody welcome.

Playworks in Parks

Friday 17 June and Friday 24 June 3.15pm – 6pm at the former Bowling Green, Stroud Pavilion, New Beckton Park.
Supervised play sessions for six-14 year olds. Parents/carers are welcome to stay and play with younger children. Outdoor sports and physical activity, arts and craft and messy play. All activities are free.

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 1705 or email nadine.ford@newham.gov.uk
To email your local councillor write firstname.lastname@newham.gov.uk e.g. marie.collier@newham.gov.uk



Ayesha Chowdhury



David Christie



Alec Kellaway

Beckton Ward

First Friday of the month, 6 - 7pm (alternating)
Beckton Globe, 1 Kingsford Way, Beckton, E6

Every Saturday, 10- 11am (alternating)
Beckton Library

Beckton Globe, 1 Kingsford Way Beckton, 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 3373 0437.