

# IN FOCUS STRATFORD AND WEST HAM

September 2011

## Rain cannot spoil fun at festival

More than 1,500 residents defied the rain to enjoy an afternoon of fantastic free fun at Stratford Park in West Ham Lane.

The Stratford Summer Festival was staged by the Stratford Active Community Team working with local councillors, and had activities for all ages and tastes.

Community lead councillor Richard Crawford said: "It was a great day and the weather didn't put too much of a dampener on things. It was good to see so many people getting on and doing things together and trying things they perhaps hadn't done before. We're already planning future events."

Sporty types tested their prowess at karate, capoeira and football,



Young artists Sajja, Rachel and Rhian get busy at the Mapping Your Manor stall



Stratford firefighters Kirsty Patterson and Ricky Borg meet Cllrs Freda Bourne, Richard Crawford and Ron Manley

while zumba and salsa dance rhythms has everyone on their feet. There were performances from Newham Steel Band, Theatre Venture, Newham Youth Choir and Russian dancers.

For those who wanted to be pampered there was massage or henna tattoos. For the more creative there was cake decorating, embroidery, jewellery making and a writing competition.

Young ones were catered for with didgeridoo playing, face painting, story-

telling and a puppet show. In the youth marquee there was a fashion show and questions for local councillors and Young Mayor Ali Mohamed.

There was also health checks and a chance to contribute to an audio guide by artist Lucy Harrison who wanted poems, memories and thoughts for a podcast and guidebook which will take listeners around the Olympic Park. For more details visit [www.mappingyourmanor.com](http://www.mappingyourmanor.com)

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# Farewell to popular head teacher



Cllr Peppiatt, left, with Sheryll and Mayor Sir Robin Wales

Popular Stratford head teacher Sheryll Alexander was thanked for all her hard work by Mayor Sir Robin Wales and Councillor Quintin Peppiatt, executive member for children and young people.

Sheryll, head teacher at Carpenters School in Friendship Way since 2001, is moving on to pursue other opportunities. She received a pen inscribed with her years of service. She said: "Being at Carpenters has been more than a job. The staff and governors are great at what they do."

Councillor Peppiatt said: "We thank Sheryll for all she has done in helping young people achieve their potential."

Also departing is Cauthar Tooley, head teacher at Stratford's Sarah Bonnell School since 1999 but who worked there for 18 years, and George Potrykus-Lupton, head teacher at Ronald Openshaw Nursery Education Centre, Stratford, for 12 years.



Cllr Paul, back third right, watches as the deal is signed

## SCHOOL WELCOMES GAMES AUSSIE HOPEFULS

Stratford's John F Kennedy School is to play an important role in the hopes of athletes from Down Under as they go for gold next year.

The school in Pitchford Street, which has a state-of-the-art hydrotherapy pool, will be used as a recovery centre for Australian competitors in the Olympics and Paralympics.

Members of the Australian Olympic Committee (AOC), including 2004 gold medal swimmer Chris Fydler and former Olympic pentathlete Kitty Chiller,

visited the school to see the facilities.

The AOC will link the school to the Australian team website, provide access to educational materials linked to the AOC and the 2012 Games, arrange twinning with an Australian school and set up visits by prospective Olympians.

Stratford and New Town ward councillor Terry Paul said: "The school has some excellent facilities. We hope other countries follow Australia's example and base themselves here during the Games."

## FUN DAY IS A REAL BLOCK PARTY

The residents of blocks David Lee Point, Brassett Point and Leather Gardens in Stratford, enjoyed a community fun day thanks to property services providers the Apollo Group who are carrying out a refurbishment programme in the area.

The Apollo Group worked with its sub-contractors, the tenants and residents association and Newham Council to ensure that people had fun and were informed of services that are available to them.

Children enjoyed a bouncy castle, face painting, sports and games. There were displays on oral health and prostate cancer. The London Fire



Apollo Divisional Manager Brian Stern, Gill Carter from the tenants and residents association, Cllr Manley and youngsters join the fun

Brigade offered safety tips and there was a raffle as well as a buffet prepared by local restaurant Cafe Mondo.

West Ham ward councillor Ron Manley said: "I know residents have been happy with work carried out by Apollo staff. The fun day was great success and saw an excellent turnout. We hope we can work with residents on more events in the future."

# STRATFORD FESTIVAL IN FOCUS - FROM PAGE ONE



Members of the Okinawan Karate School with coach Mohammed Qwareeq and the Young Mayor Ali Mohamed



Members of Russian singing group Sputnik prepare to go on stage



Dancers Christina, Shaida, Sarah and Hannah from EB Network Unit Four prepare to go on stage



Cllrs Richard Crawford, Ron Manley and Freda Bourne make hats with Autumn, Joan and Velvet from the Ronald Openshaw Nursery Education Centre in Stratford



Cllr Charlene McLean (left) braves the rain to join in the dance fun



Cllr Richard Crawford congratulates Rueanne



The rain pours down but the party goes on



Stratford and New Town Cllr Terence Paul and Young Mayor Ali Mohamed speak to residents at the council question and answer session

## CORRECTION:

In the previous edition of Stratford and West Ham In Focus, an article about the final of the Newham Talent Quest incorrectly stated that Rueanne Duncan-Jones received a runner-up trophy at the Mayor's Newham Show. The copy should have credited Nadine Walker who stepped in for Rueanne. We apologise for the error.

## Spotlight on... Newham People's Panel

If you've got a lot of opinions on local issues, there is now an even easier way to have your voice heard. The Newham People's Panel is a new way for residents and visitors to make an impact on how the borough is run – and you won't even need to leave your sofa to get involved!

Visit [www.newhampanel.com](http://www.newhampanel.com) to find out more. Register as a member and the rest is plain sailing. We'll send you surveys on a range of topics; some surveys will include the opportunity to be entered into a prize draw.

Most surveys will take about ten minutes to complete. There will also be polls where you can log on and simply answer a quick question.

We want your thoughts on hot topics. This can be anything from employment to the cleanliness of your area, what leisure facilities you need, to what you want to see from the 2012 Games legacy.

Anyone aged over 16 can become a member of the panel

and you could be a resident or a visitor to Newham.

There may be some topics you're more interested in than others, so you can pick and choose which surveys you want to take part in. You will receive a summary of the results from each survey you complete and may be invited to give your opinion in future group interviews or focus groups – where you will probably be paid or receive vouchers for your help.

### Become a member of the Newham People's Panel

To sign up to the panel, visit [www.newhampanel.com](http://www.newhampanel.com) and fill in a short registration form.



## WHAT'S ON STRATFORD AND WEST HAM

### Nearly New Sale

Buy or sell good quality second-hand baby and children's clothes and equipment  
St John's Church, Broadway, E15  
Saturday 24 September  
11am – 3pm  
To register as a seller email Joanne. [smallman@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:smallman@yahoo.co.uk) or call 07970 304 715

### Put on your dancing shoes

Get along to the monthly tea dance at the Old Town Hall, Broadway, Stratford, E15 from 1.30pm - 4.30pm. The cost is £2 per person including a free raffle. Next dates are 12 September and 17 October. Places are limited so book on 020 3373 7511

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](http://www.newham.com)

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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](http://www.newham.gov.uk/mayor) or call 020 3373 0437.