

IN FOCUS **ROYAL DOCKS**

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MULTI-USE GAMES AREA NOW OPEN IN BRITANNIA VILLAGE

New sports facilities are now open in Britannia Village ready for residents to enjoy.

The £165,000 multi-use games area (MUGA) can be found next to Britannia Village Hall on the green.

The MUGA was designed with input from pupils at Britannia Village Primary School and gives residents a dedicated area to play football, basketball, tennis, netball, hockey and volleyball.

Work started on the scheme in



Cllr McAlmont (r) with sports enthusiasts at the new MUGA

May this year with funding provided by the Veolia Environmental Trust following an application by East Thames, who manage 98 homes in the area. The housing and regeneration group were awarded £150,000 and Newham Council provided the remaining £15,000.

Royal Docks community lead councillor Anthony McAlmont said:

“I am very happy to see the MUGA finally open. This is great news for the residents of Britannia Village – many of them have been asking for more sports facilities and we have worked long and hard to bring the MUGA here. I’m looking forward to seeing residents and local children making the most of these excellent facilities.”

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Help save the SS Robin



Historic steamship SS Robin was welcomed to the Royal Docks last month to undergo important restoration work.

The SS Robin is managed by registered charity SS Robin Trust and will be moored temporarily outside Millennium Mills for a year while final conservation work is completed. After the work is finished, it may become a permanent fixture in the docks.

The steamship is one of only three Core Collection ships in London, along with the Cutty Sark and HMS Belfast, and now the SS Robin Trust needs your help in order to preserve this piece of history. Readers are asked to complete a brief online questionnaire at www.surveymonkey.com/s/SSRobin-Royals

The survey will remain live until 31 August. Answers will be collected as part of a critical funding stage in order to transform the vessel into a new landmark, museum and learning centre, all on your doorstep.

For more information visit www.ssrobin.org



SAVE YOURSELF SOME MONEY – GET RECYCLING

Last year, Newham residents saved £370,000 by recycling – and now's the time to save even more.

If you're not sure what can and can't be recycled in Royal Docks, the postcode locator on the Recycle for London website has all this information in one handy place.

Simply visit www.recycleforlondon.com and type in your postcode for a full list of materials you can recycle

in your recycling bin or orange bag, as well as details of your nearest recycling banks. Use these banks to recycle things like glass, textiles and batteries.

You can also find all information about our free bulky waste collection service; green garden waste service and Jenkins Lane Refuse and Recycling centre at www.newham.gov.uk/recycling

WORLD'S BIGGEST TRIATHLON TAKES PLACE IN ROYAL DOCKS



Royal Victoria Dock played host to the world's biggest triathlon held in London at the end of July.

More than 13,000 athletes took part in the Virgin Active event which is now in its 15th year. The route also took in

the ExCeL exhibition centre where the cycling leg of the race started.

Celebrities taking part in the event included Sir Richard Branson, Ex Spice Girl Melanie Chisholm and X Factor finalist Stacey Solomon.

Young Mayor Ali hands Kwaku his trophy



KWAKU PUTS ON A SHOW OF TALENT

Talented singer Kwaku Mason did Royal Docks community forum proud when he competed in front of thousands of people at the Mayor's Newham Show.

Kwaku took to the main performance stage at East Ham's Central Park to represent Royal Docks in the final of the Newham Talent Quest, the culmination of talent contests held in each of the nine community forums.

The winners from each area 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 of choosing an overall winner.

While Kwaku missed out on the big prize he did receive an engraved glass trophy to reward his efforts. Community lead councillor Steve Brayshaw said: "Kwaku did a great job in representing us and her performance on the day was superb. He is a real talent."

DON'T FORGET: September road closures for exhibition

The arrival of the Defence Systems Equipment International (DSEI) exhibition at the ExCeL in September means that some roads will be closed for approximately a week.

Custom House DLR Station to Royal Victoria Dock footbridge, Royal Victoria Dock footbridge, dock edge public area from Corniche to Connaught Cut and Prince Regent DLR to dockside edge will all be closed from 11-17 September.

The dock edge public area from Royal Victoria Dock footbridge to Connaught Cut will be closed from 8-18 September.



All closures are subject to change so stay up to date by visiting the community page at www.excel-london.co.uk. The password to access the dedicated page is 'community'. For further information email info@excel-london.co.uk

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 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 and fill in a short registration form.



WHAT'S ON ROYAL DOCKS

Activities are free and take place at Royal Docks Learning and Activity Centre
Albert Road, E16 2JB

Learning knitting and crochet
Mondays 10-11.30am

Bingo for all
Tuesdays 10am-12noon

Jewellery making
Wednesdays 10-11.30am

Tai Chi
Thursdays 10.20am-12noon

For further information about any of these activities call 020 7476 1666.

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. steve.brayshaw@newham.gov.uk



Steve Brayshaw



Patrick Murphy



Anthony McAlmont

Royal Docks Ward surgeries

First and third Thursday
of the month (alternating), 7pm
Britannia Village Hall
65 Evelyn Road, E16

Second and fourth Thursday
of the month (alternating), 7pm
The Royal Docks Learning and
Activity Centre, Albert Road, E16

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.