

Hello from Councillor Patrick Murphy

Welcome to this month's issue. I hope to see you all at the community forum event on Thursday 28 May; it's going to be a fun day out.

Read about an education programme at Kingsford Community School, introducing pupils to a different learning environment. Find out how young film makers took home an award from the same programme.

Get your football kit on for a footie competition and find out how you can get a grant if you've got an idea to help people stay healthy.

Enjoy the read.

**Community lead councillor,
Patrick Murphy**



Winsor Primary pupils (l-r) Dylan, Maliha, Sean, Kay gear up for the mini play day in May with council officer Sharon Cox, teaching assistant Carla Ferreira, Molly and Cllrs Alec Kellaway and Pat Murphy

Play it well

New and exciting plans are on the cards for the Stroud Pavilion in New Beckton Park and you have a chance to contribute ideas at a free fun event.

Newham Council want to work with you to decide how to develop Stroud Pavilion. Developing the pavilion is part of the council's £1.1m Playbuilder Programme, which will see 22 play areas developed in the borough over the next two years. The funding will help to refurbish existing play areas in parks, on housing estates and in open spaces.

Come along and have your say at the children and young people's health, safety and wellbeing themed community forum event and mini play day on Thursday 28 May from 12-4pm in New Beckton Park.

The event is hosted by the Beckton community forum and its active community team and Newham Council.

There will be plenty of fun for all with arts and crafts activities for children, a special play area for under-fives, sport tasters and coaching sessions, book

swaps and lots of information and handy tips on how to be healthier.

Be in with a chance to win an mp3 player and get your bicycle security tagged by your Safer Neighbourhoods Team. Dog lovers can even get their dogs chipped for free. London Ambulance Service will also be on hand with First Aid advice.

"It's going to be a great day out for everyone and I look forward to seeing you," said community lead councillor, Pat Murphy.

For more information call the children and families information service on 0800 074 1017.

Mini play day and community forum ACT event

**The Stroud Pavilion,
New Beckton Park**

Savage Gardens, E6.

Thursday 28 May 12-4pm



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children, schools and families



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GET YOUR KICKS

The third inter-community forum five-a-side football competition kicks off this month so get your shin pads out and take part.

Heats for Beckton will be at New Beckton Park in Savage Gardens with the grand final set for Saturday 13 June at Memorial Park in Canning Town.

The competition is open to men and women aged over 16 and school years four, five and six (mixed), seven to nine and ten to 11 (boys) and seven to 11 (girls).

Registration closes 20 minutes before kick off. Contact Lisa Brivati or Abul Hussain for more details on 020 8430 2484 or email lisa.brivati@newham.gov.uk or abul.hussain@newham.gov.uk

Beckton Park, E6

Adults:

Thursday 21 May
6-8pm

Young people:

Wednesday 27 May
11am-3pm



HAVE A HEALTHY HEART

Beckton residents can put their healthy heart projects into action by applying for funding as part of the Hearty Lives Newham programme.

Help a Heart grants, funded by the British Heart Foundation (BHF), are available to groups with ideas to help prevent people from getting heart disease or to help those with a heart condition.

Support groups, cookery classes, befriending, swimming programmes or reflexology sessions are examples of projects that could receive funding.

With the incidence of heart disease in men and women in Beckton higher than the national average, Beckton ward councillor Alec Kellaway (second right) welcomed the new grant scheme.

He said: "Anything that can help tackle this disease is welcome and these grants should make a big difference."

For more information on Help a Heart grants contact Michelle Booth at the BHF on 020 7554 0426 or visit www.bhf.org.uk/helpaheartgrant

GROW YOUR OWN VEGETABLES

Do you want to learn how to grow your own organic fruit and vegetables while getting to know others in your community?

If so, the free food growing workshops run by Stay Well Healthy Living Project, part of Newham Food Access Partnership, is right up your street.

The workshops run every Tuesday from 10am-1pm until 9 June at Beckton Community Centre, East Ham Manor Way, and are open to older people interested in learning how to grow their own food.

Led by a professional gardener, you will learn the skills needed to grow food and flowers, how to grow in small spaces, such as your balcony, and find out about the benefits of growing your own food.

For more information call Buvanna on 020 8522 2587.

Young film-makers scoop two awards

A group of young volunteer film-makers from East London Gymnastics (ELG) Interface Club and pupils from Kingsford Community School in Beckton have won two national community film-making awards.

The group won in Best Original Idea category for their film Respect, which promotes greater unity in the community to help address problems with drugs and alcohol. The second prize went to mentor Ammara Ali, who directed a film on teenage pregnancy.

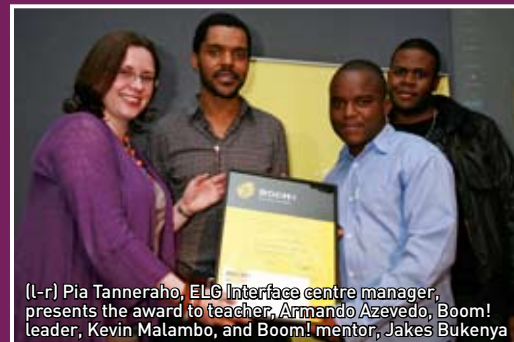
The young volunteers, all aged between 16 and 25, won the award through their participation in the nationwide BOOM! volunteering and film-making project.

BOOM! challenges young people to make and share films that raise awareness of community and social issues.

If you are aged between 16 and 25, you can get involved by accessing free film production training, as well as all the necessary kit and equipment, through your local youth club.

BOOM! is a partnership project involving Clubs for Young People, youth volunteering charity, V, MTV and youth engagement agency, TomTom Nation.

Call Becky Hedgcock at Clubs for Young People on 0116 275 5676 for more information. Read more about ELG Club on the back page.



(l-r) Pia Tanneraho, ELG Interface centre manager, presents the award to teacher, Armando Azevedo, Boom! leader, Kevin Malambo, and Boom! mentor, Jakes Bukunya

KINGSFORD STUDENTS CROWNED MANDARIN CHAMPIONS



CLrs Ayesha Chowdhury (centre front) and Alec Kellaway (centre back) congratulate the winning students alongside their Mandarin teachers and headteacher, Joan Deslandes (second left)

Students at Kingsford Community School were congratulated as they returned champions from the UK National Mandarin Chinese speaking competition.

A team of six pupils from years seven, eight and 11 performed a drama written by year 11 pupil, Obioma Imachukwu, which was loosely based on the story of Joseph from the Bible.

Kajal Ralh, Noshin Hussain, Johura

Hasna, Osman Abdul Moomin, Obioma Imachukwu and Issah Abdul Moomin also sang, danced and performed ancient Chinese arts, tai chi and kung fu.

The students were awarded with an eight-day trip to Beijing, where they got to practise their Mandarin while taking in the sights.

The competition is supported by the HSBC Global Education Programme

and organised by the British Council to support and promote the teaching of Mandarin Chinese as a modern foreign language in UK schools.

“This award shows that Kingsford is committed to educating its students in the Mandarin language and enabling them to experience and appreciate China’s rich and diverse culture,” said Beckton ward councillor, Ayesha Chowdhury.

Thames Water works

You might have noticed that Thames Water is carrying out works as part of a flood alleviation scheme, which will mean road closures in certain parts of Beckton.

Thames Water’s main contractor, Costain, is upgrading the sewers and building a new underground tunnel set for completion in spring 2010, which will carry excess water away.

In the long term, this is great news for more than 700 homes and businesses because it will decrease the risk of flooding in the area. However, in the short term it will lead to some road closures to allow these works to be carried out.

Thames Water is working with the council to try to minimise disruption.

For more information call the Thames Water customer care line on 08459 200 800 quoting your address and reference number BB734022.

SUMMER CENTRE FUN



Dancing, outings, games and afternoon tea are all on the menu at Newham Council’s new scheme for residents aged 50 and over.

The Summer Centres scheme offers residents the chance to make the most of the summer, meet friends and get out and about in Newham.

Beckton Community Centre will host a range of activities, including dancing, walks, outings, bingo, dominoes, darts, swimming, afternoon tea and bowls in the park.

**For further information visit www.newham.gov.uk
Beckton Community Centre (multi-activity centre)**

14 East Ham Manor Way, Beckton, E6
Wednesdays, 1-3pm. 020 7511 1214

SPOTLIGHT ON...

EAST LONDON GYMNASTICS INTERFACE CLUB'S PLAYING FOR SUCCESS (PFS) STUDY CENTRE



Learning mentors put their heads together for some new teaching ideas!

them to unlock their potential and fulfil their ambitions.

"We provide a number of free places to primary and secondary schools, and teachers put forward students to take part.

"This involves coming to the club for a three-hour session once a week over a five-week period. We assess each individual to see what their learning needs are and tailor the

five-week syllabus to suit them.

"We use the medium of sport as a motivational tool; a lot of the subjects on the curriculum are related to Olympic sports and learning about different countries.

"The three-hour sessions are led by a qualified teacher and assisted by learning mentors. Our mentors are volunteers from all over the borough and a lot of them go into teaching jobs. If you would like to become a mentor visit our website and fill out an online application form."

If you are a school and want to get involved then call Pia on 020 7511 4433 or if you would like to volunteer as a learning mentor visit www.elginterface.org.uk/application.php

Situated behind ASDA, East London Gymnastics Club houses an innovative Playing for Success (Pfs) after-school study centre called ELG Interface, which recently saw students from Kingsford Community School win a filmmaking award (see pg 2).

The centre, part of the council's children and young people's extended services, was set up 11 years ago to offer pupils in primary and secondary schools an after-school club. It builds on students' numeracy, literacy, ICT and key skills in a fun learning environment.

Pfs manager, Pia Tanneraho, explains: "We offer a positive learning environment for young people, helping

WHAT'S ON BECKTON

Free food growing workshops

Tuesdays 21 April until 9 June
10am-1pm
Beckton Community Centre
East Ham Manor Way, E6
(see pg 2 for more info)

Summer Centre fun

Beckton Community Centre
Wednesdays 1-3pm
(See pg 3 for more info)

Newham's Futsal League, open to young people 16+

Starting Wednesday 10 June
Lister Community School
St Mary's Road, E13
Phone 020 8430 2489 for more information

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 www.newham.com

If your group has an activity to promote please contact us on 020 8430 3544 or email infocus@newham.gov.uk

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 1269 or email liz.whitworth@newham.gov.uk



Christine Bowden



Ayesha Chowdhury



Alec Kellaway

Beckton Ward

Every Saturday
10 - 11am
Beckton Library
The Beckton Globe
1 Kingsford Way
Beckton E6 5JQ

First Friday of the month
6 - 7pm
The Beckton Globe
1 Kingsford Way
Beckton E6 5JQ

Third Saturday of the month
(alternating)
10 - 11am
Winsor Park Resource Centre
22 Warwall
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.