Newham Heritage Week 2017

Saturday 21 - Sunday 29 October

Discover Newham’s rich history through a week-long series of exhibitions, talks, walks and activities. There is something for everyone with activities across the borough.

For more information and updates go to www.newham.gov.uk/heritageweek
Exhibitions

Saturday 21 - Sunday 29 October

Folk of Forest Gate
A local history project exhibition which has been run by Eastside Community Heritage since the beginning of 2017. Many local people have been interviewed to collect their stories and memories about leisure in Forest Gate. The exhibition includes great memories of pubs, clubs, cinemas, shops, galleries, parks, snooker halls, and skating rinks. Please visit the exhibition to find out more by reading these great stories.

Forest Gate Community Neighbourhood Centre
Library opening times

The Landmarks and Hidden Histories of Newham: a schools competition exhibition
Photographic exhibition which will capture the historic and hidden landmarks of Newham. Newham schools were invited to participate in a borough wide competition to capture their local historic landmarks and hidden histories. Come and see the winning entries and a selection of the best runners up.

Forest Gate Community Neighbourhood Centre
6-8 Woodgrange Road, E70QH
Library opening times

Growing up in Plaistow
Growing Up In Plaistow documents the memories and experiences of people who grew up in Plaistow and of those who have made the area their home. The six panels share reminiscences on the themes of Green Spaces, School Days, Playing in Plaistow, Work & Leisure and War Years. The exhibition is based on an oral history project funded and overseen by Plaistow South Big Local and run by Eastside Community Heritage (ECH). NewVIC students and PSBL members were trained to assist ECH in carrying out group reminiscence sessions and one-to-one interviews across south Plaistow. In addition to the exhibition there is a website with a lot more information and an Android app which links sites in the area to spoken reminiscences.

Plaistow Library
Library opening times
For further information contact info@plaistowsouthbiglocal.org.uk.
Making East London: Past and Present
Visit Stratford Library’s new ‘pop-up’ exhibition and learn about East London’s rich and fascinating past. Featuring historic photographs, archival documents, maps and rare publications, it is the result of an exciting collaboration between Newham Archive and Local Studies Library and UCL Special Collections. Alongside the exhibition are free workshops and opportunities for local residents to share their own stories and memories of East London’s past: see Heritage Week programme for full details.

Stratford Library
Library opening times

Silvertown Explosion Exhibition
On 19 January 1917 a fire led to the ignition of over 50 tons of TNT in a munition factory in West Ham’s Silvertown which caused an explosion killing 73 people and injuring 400 more. The factory, which was manufacturing explosives for Britain’s First World War efforts, was destroyed in the blast along with 900 surrounding properties, while a further 70,000 houses incurred damages. Due to the explosion happening in the midst of WW1, press coverage was limited and although the explosion was London’s largest and most damaging to this date, the incident seems to have been largely forgotten about. To mark the 100 year anniversary of the Silvertown Explosion Eastside Community Heritage collected oral histories from local people and from those whose family members remembered the explosion. The exhibition tells this story.

Green Street Library 337-341 Green Street, E13 9AR
Library opening times
Black Saturday
A revealing exhibition which will help you find out what happened to Newham during the Blitz on what became known as Black Saturday.

Manor Park Community Neighbourhood Centre and Library
Library opening times

Eric Dawson: The West Ham Exhibition
Captivating exhibition about local artist Eric Dawson and his heritage watercolour images of the West Ham area, which capture intimate moments from Newham’s past. The first 50 visitors to this exhibition will receive a free copy of Looking Back, written by Eric Dawson.

Custom House Library
Library opening times

I Belong to Newham
Famous faces from London Borough of Newham come to life in this informative and inspiring exhibition.

Custom House and Canning Town Community Neighbourhood Centre and Library
Library opening times

WHU Inspires: Stadium of Stories Pop up Exhibition
Exhibition revealing histories and memories associated with West Ham United Football Club. The ten panels cover the history of West Ham United Football Club from its conception as Thames Ironworks FC to the move to the London Stadium.

East Ham Community Neighbourhood Centre and Library
Library opening times

Newham’s Sporting Life
From prize-fighting on the West Ham marshes to the successes of West Ham United and Newham’s Olympians. The exhibition shows the range of sports that people have enjoyed playing either as individuals, in schools, clubs or work teams. We can also see how the footballers, boxers, speedway riders and stars of many other sports have thrilled generations of spectators over the years. Above all it shows how important sport has been, and continues to be, in the lives of local people.

North Woolwich Library
Library opening times
Newham’s Great War
Fascinating insight into the part played by Newham and its brave soldiers during World War One.

Beckton Globe Library
Library opening times

History in a Bag Exhibition
Exhibition of works developed through the History in a Bag programme, commissioned as part of the London Borough of Newham’s Heritage Week programme (see programme for full details of workshops and how to get involved) plus heritage themed contributions from the Beckton Globe Adult Learning Centre. Please note that there will also be creative open days where members of the public are invited to use the gathered resources and exhibits as inspiration and where participants can further contribute their ideas. See daily listings for further details.

Beckton Globe Adult Learning Centre
1 Kingsford Way, Beckton, London, E6 5JQ
Exhibition times: Thursday 26 October 10am-8pm
Friday 27 October 10am-4pm
Saturday 28 October 12noon-4pm
For more information call 020 3373 4030/4040 between 9-5 Monday-Friday
Forest Gate Arts: Upper Cut Club Memorabilia and Photograph Exhibition
Exhibition about Forest Gate’s historic music venue ‘The Upper Cut Club’ where everybody who was anybody came to play. Legend has it that Jimi Hendrix even created Purple Haze at the venue. See photographs, memorabilia, film footage and much more in this rare and unique exhibition which is not to be missed.

**Forest Gate Arts, 13 Upton Lane, E7 9PA**
Open 12noon-3pm, Monday 23-Friday 27 October
For more information please contact paulromane.pr@gmail.com

**Heritage Display Cases**
During Newham Heritage Week there will be four display cases set around the borough displaying objects from Newham’s past.

- **Stratford Library: Toys from the Newham Heritage collection**
- **Forest Gate Community Neighbourhood Centre: The History of Newham in Objects**
- **East Ham Library: Radios 1940-1970 from the Newham Heritage collection.**
- **The House Mill, The Miller’s House, Three Mill Lane E3 EDU:**
  ‘The Railway comes to Newham’

**Newham Bookshop**
The largest range of local heritage books in London. Special display and supporting materials throughout the week.

**Newham Bookshop, 745 Barking Road, E13 9ER**
10am-5pm Tuesday - Saturday
Further details call Vivian at 020 8552 9993
or email vivian@newhambookshop.co.uk

**Newham Libraries Heritage stock Displays**
Want to explore the history of where you live and the people who lived there from the earliest settlers to the Olympics? During Newham’s Heritage Week all Newham community neighbourhoods will display a wide range of local history books to help you start your journey. If you want to find or research your ancestors come in, book a computer and log on to Ancestry.com for free.

**Newham libraries and community neighbourhood centres**
Activities

Saturday 21 October morning

Woodgrange Market Heritage Morning
Woodgrange Community Market operates every Saturday from 10am-4pm and will, this Saturday, be the place to come to find out about the rich history of the local neighbourhood, including a pop-up market stall run by Eastside Community Heritage.
Corner of Woodgrange Road and Sebert Road, Forest Gate, E7 0NQ
10am-12pm

Abbey Mills Pumping Station Open House
Opened in 1868 the pumping station is commonly known as The Cathedral of the Sewer.
Abbey Mills Pumping Station, Gay Road E15 2RW
10am-12pm and 2-4pm
All ages welcome
For more information or to book your place please contact Kevin Jenkins at kjenservices@hotmail.com
Forest Gate Heritage Walk
Walk through centuries of history in and around your neighbourhood and beyond. Find out the stories behind places you see everyday and places you may never have noticed. Forest Gate was named after an entrance to Epping Forest and was a rural area until the late nineteenth century. Since then it has become a place associated with musicians and actors. There have also been dramatic episodes of murder and mayhem in its past. Come along to find out about this and much more.

Meet at Forest Gate Community Neighbourhood Centre and Library
Meet 10.30am, please note that the tour will take approximately 2 hours. All ages welcome
There are a limited number of places on the tour so advance booking is recommended to avoid disappointment. For more information and to book your space please contact Forest Gate Community Neighbourhood Centre on 020 3373 0856

Brick Lane Music Hall Open House
A guided tour and discussion on the history of British Music Hall. The venue, which prides itself as being the home of British Music Hall, is housed in the converted St Marks Church (circa 1862).

Brick Lane Music Hall, 443 North Woolwich Road, E16 2DA
From 11am
All ages welcome
For more information or to book your place please contact Kevin Jenkins at kjenservices@hotmail.com
House Mill Open Weekend
Saturday 21 and Sunday 22 October, 11am-5pm
House Mill, Three Mills Lane, E3 3DU

Guided tours of the Grade I listed House Mill
Visit four of the floors of House Mill with one of our trained volunteer guides.

The Story of House Mill and Bread
The story of bread, and the role that the House Mill site has played in making it, for nearly 800 years.

Storytelling and Sharing Stories 2-4pm
House Mill’s resident Storyteller Shamim Azad invites local residents to join in sharing some of the stories brought together by the East End’s rich, diverse history of immigration. We invite Newham residents over 50 to hear Shamim’s stories and to tell your own.

From Gin and Vice to Tea and Temperance. Saturday 4-5pm
A talk by Eleanor Bloom who will talk about this important episode in London’s social history.

The History of House Mill, and Future Restoration. Sunday 4-5pm
A talk by a House Mill Trustee to learn about this heritage site, refreshments will be served.
Over 18s

Guided Tours of House Mill & Gin Tasting. Wednesday 25 October, 6.30-8pm - Over 18s
Tour this spectacular Grade I listed building, to learn about its role in the 18th century Gin Craze and sample a range of London Gin. There is a charge of £10 per person.
To reserve a place please email: info@housemill.org.uk
The guided tours are not suitable for very small or unaccompanied children.
For further details email info@housemill.org.uk phone 020 880 4626 or 07968 063 017
Saturday 21 October afternoon

**Newham Heritage Week Launch Event**
The 2017 Newham Heritage Week launch event is your chance to find out about all the wonderful and exciting heritage themed activities taking place across the borough over the next week, it will be your chance to meet and discuss what’s happening with many of the key partners and contributors to the Heritage Week programme. This event will also incorporate music, children’s activities, workshops, heritage films and much more. Refreshments will be provided.

**Forest Gate Community Neighbourhood Centre and Library**
12.30-4pm
All ages welcome
*For more information contact Forest Gate Community Neighbourhood Centre on 020 3373 0856*

**Mapping the Manor Children’s Workshop**
Using old maps of the local area, children will mark their home, trip to school and use old pictures to see what the area was like years ago – they will also listen to interviews with residents about how the area used to be.

**Forest Gate Community Neighbourhood Centre and Library**
12.30-2.30pm
Ages 5-11
*For more information or to book your place contact Forest Gate Community Neighbourhood Centre on 0203 373 0856*

**Manor Park Heritage Walk**
Manor Park was a district originally within the manor of Aldersbrook, dating back to medieval times. It was an agricultural area, with a very small population until the early 19th century, when the numbers were increased by the building of a gaol. More law abiding residents arrived with the railways. Come along to find out about this and much more.

**Start from Manor Park Community Neighbourhood Centre and Library, 685-693 Romford Road, Manor Park, London, E12 5AD**
Meet at 2.30pm, please note that the tour will take approximately 2 hours
All ages welcome
*There are a limited number of places on the tour so advance booking is recommended to avoid disappointment. For more information and to book your space please contact Manor Park Library on 020 3373 0858*
Sunday 22 October morning and afternoon

Abbey Mills Pumping Station Open House
A chance to see this historic pumping station, that was opened in 1868 and is commonly known as The Cathedral of the Sewer.

Abbey Mills Pumping Station, Gay Road, E15 2RW
Morning session: 10am-12noon
Afternoon session: 2-4pm
All ages welcome
For more information or to book your place please contact Kevin Jenkins at kjenservices@hotmail.com
Monday 23 October morning

**Newham Oral History Ride**
Cycle tour of the borough led by Newham Cyclists in conjunction with Eastside Community Heritage. The tour will take roughly two hours and will cover approximately fifteen miles of the borough, stopping off at key historical landmarks and places of historical interest to learn more about the fascinating history of the borough.

**Start at The Common Café,**
**Greenway East, Marshgate Lane, London E15 2PJ**
10am start, please arrive by 9.50am
Please note that this activity is for adults
*For more information contact Eastside Community Heritage on 020 8553 3116*

**North Woolwich Library Heritage Themed Coffee Morning**
Coffee morning focused on Royal Docks local history. Attendees will receive a free copy of The Newham Story, a heritage publication, available whilst stocks last.

**North Woolwich Library**
11am-12.30pm
Adult activity
*For more information please contact North Woolwich Library on 020 3373 0843*

**Arc Young People’s Heritage Week**
A wide range of children’s heritage related activities including workshops, heritage games and painting murals celebrating Newham’s heritage.

**Terrence Brown Arc in the Park,**
**Hermit Road Park, Bethell Avenue, E16 4JT**
11am-3pm
Children’s activity, ages 8-13
*For more information and to book your space contact paula@theaaazone.com*
Monday 23 October afternoon

**Together 2017 Disability History Festival Launch**
History related festival and workshop for disabled people.
**Vicarage Lane Community Centre, Vicarage Lane, E15**
This event is for disabled participants and their companions.
For further details or to book your place please contact ju@together2012.org.uk

**Mapping the Manor Children’s Workshop**
Using old maps of the local area, children will mark their home, trip to school and use old pictures to see what the area was like years ago – they will also listen to interviews with residents about how the area used to be.
**Custom House Library**
12-2pm
5-11 years
For more information or to book your place call 020 3373 0855

**North Woolwich Model Train Club Special Extended Heritage Session**
Learn about the history of the North Woolwich railway station and recreate the station and surrounding area as it was in the 1950s along with a chance to enjoy model trains throughout the ages.
**North Woolwich Library**
12.30pm-4.30pm
All ages (note this session is open to adults and children. All children should be supervised by a responsible adult)
For more information please contact North Woolwich Library on 020 3373 0843

**Open Archives**
Are you interested in the history of Newham? If so come along to this free drop-in session at Newham Archives. You’ll have the chance to see old photographs, posters, maps and archival documents from our collections relating to a range of popular subjects. This session is ideal for those who are curious about local history and want to find out more.
**Newham Archives and Local Studies Library**
1st Floor, Stratford Library, 3 The Grove, E15 1EL
2.30-5pm
Ages 11+
For more information call Newham Archives and Local Studies on 020 3373 6881
**Mapping the Manor Children’s Workshop**
Using old maps of the local area, children will mark on the map their home, trip to school and use old pictures to see what the area was like years ago – they will also listen to interviews with residents about how the area used to be.

**Custom House and Canning Town Community Neighbourhood Centre and Library**
3.30-5.30pm
Ages 5-11
*For more information please call 020 3373 0854*

**West Ham United Inspires Intergenerational Heritage Workshop**
As part of West Ham United Inspires (WHU Inspire) Stadium of Stories Heritage Lottery Funded Project and Newham Heritage Week, WHU Inspire will be holding an intergenerational heritage workshop that focuses on the history of West Ham United Football Club (WHUFC). The workshop will be led by WHUFC historian and author Brian Belton and include a collaboration between senior WHUFC supporters Any Old Irons and local youngsters who will be working together to recount their West Ham United memories and bring history to life.

**East Ham Community Neighbourhood Centre and Library**
5-6pm
Ages 13+
*For further information please email admin@newhaminspire.org.uk*
Limited spaces available at this workshop. Please apply online at Eventbrite: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/stadium-of-stories-intergenerational-workshop-tickets-37091249927
The Eventbrite password is: Hammers
Tuesday 24 October morning

Plaistow Library Heritage Themed Coffee Morning
Come along to the Plaistow Library’s heritage themed coffee morning to discuss your heritage and how Newham got to where it is today. Attendees will receive a free copy of The Newham Story, a heritage publication. Available whilst stocks last.

Plaistow Library
10am-12noon
Please note that this activity is for adults
For more information please contact Plaistow Library on 020 3373 0859

Newham’s Sporting History Children’s Workshop
Children will learn about Newham’s sporting heritage, such as Edward Harry Temme who was the first man to swim across the English Channel both ways or Bobby Moore our world cup winning footballer and many more. Children will also make a sporting programme and old poster advertising a sporting activity that took place in Newham’s history, perhaps a poster for West Ham in the 1960s.

Green Street Library
10.30am-12.30pm
Ages 5-11
For more information or to book your place call 020 3373 0857

Plaistow Heritage Walk
Walk through centuries of history in and around your neighbourhood and beyond. Find out the stories behind places you see every day and places you may never have noticed. Plaistow was generally a quiet, respectable village in which a few eminent people had country homes but one local curate was hanged for forgery. Come along to find out more.

Meet at Plaistow Library at 10.30am and finishing at Plaistow tube station.
Please note that the tour will take approximately 2 hours
Open to all
There are a limited number of places on the tour so advance booking is recommended to avoid disappointment. For more information and to book your space please contact Plaistow Library on 020 3373 0859
History in a Bag Newham Past and Present Creative Writing Workshop
Spend a morning in the archives and local studies centre in Stratford Library. The historical archives will be the catalyst to unlocking the rich strands of your experience; a local creative writer and teacher will help you convert these into words.
Stratford Archive and Local Studies Centre
1st Floor, Stratford Library, 3 The Grove, E15 1EL
10.30am-12.30pm
Open to all
To find out more and to book your place call 020 3373 4030 / 4040, 9am-5pm Monday-Friday

Custom House Library Heritage Themed Coffee Morning
Come along to the Custom House heritage themed coffee morning to discuss your heritage and how Newham got to where it is today. Attendees will receive a free copy of The Newham Story, a heritage publication. Available whilst stocks last.
Custom House Library
11am-12.15pm
Please note that this activity is for adults
Email Maria Xavier@newham.gov.uk or call on 020 3373 8346 or 07896 346 534

Arc Young People’s Heritage Week
A wide range of children’s heritage related activities including workshops, heritage games and painting murals celebrating Newham’s heritage.
Terrence Brown Arc in the Park,
Hermit Road Park, Bethell Avenue, E16 4JT
11am-3pm
Children’s activity, ages 8-13
For more information and to book your space contact paula@theaaazone.com

Beckton Globe Library Heritage Themed Coffee Morning
Coffee morning focused on Beckton and Royal Docks local history. Attendees will receive a free copy of The Newham Story, a heritage publication. Available whilst stocks last.
Beckton Globe Library, 1 Kingsford Way, E6 5JQ
11.30am-1pm
Please note that this activity is for adults
For more information please call Beckton Globe Library on 020 3373 0853
Tuesday 24 October afternoon

History in a Bag, Newham Past and Present Textiles Workshop
An afternoon at the Forest Gate Learning Zone guided by a Newham based textile artist and teacher where you can transfer your words and inspiration to fabric.

Forest Gate Learning Zone, 1 Woodford Road, London, E7 0DH
1-4pm
To find out more and to book your place call 020 3373 4030 / 4040, 9am-5pm from Monday-Friday

Newham Working Lives Children’s Workshop
Children will learn how people used to work and will look at old photographs and learn about what used to be made in Newham, such as Trebor Sweets, Yardley soaps and the ship building industry. They will also make a factory out of card.

North Woolwich Library
2-4pm
Ages 5-11
For more information or to book your place call 020 3373 0843

Guided Walk led by Gordon Joly, for Remembering Three Mills Group
A walk from House Mill to Abbey Gardens, via Three Mills Green, Abbey Mills Pumping Station, and return

Three Mills Lane, Three Mills Island, London E3 3DU
Meet at House Mill at 2pm
£3 charge, to including of the Stories from Three Mills Lane and Beyond

Stratford Heritage Walk
Walk through centuries of history in and around your neighbourhood and beyond. Find out the stories behind places you see every day and places you may never have noticed. Stratford ‘the narrow ford’ grew from a convenient spot to cross the river Lea and have a rest before heading off into Essex and points north. By the 19th century it was a railway and industrial centre. Come along to find out more.

Meet at Stratford Library, 3 The Grove, Stratford, London, E15 1EL
Meet 2.30pm, please note that the tour will take approximately 2 hours
There are a limited number of places on the tour so advance booking is recommended to avoid disappointment. For more information and to book your space please contact Stratford Library on 020 3373 0826
Wednesday 25 October morning

Forest Gate Heritage Themed Coffee Morning
Heritage themed coffee morning revealing heritage items, special guests, heritage films and much more. Bring along your own heritage items to show and share. Attendees will receive a free copy of The Newham Story, a heritage publication. Available whilst stocks last.

Forest Gate Community Neighbourhood Centre and Library
10.30am-12.30pm
Please note that this activity is for adults
For more information contact Forest Gate Community Neighbourhood Centre on 020 3373 0856

Canning Town Heritage Walk
Walk through centuries of history in and around your neighbourhood and beyond. Find out the stories behind places you see every day and places you may never have noticed. Canning Town was built on reclaimed marshland to house the men and women who built and worked in the factories and docks in the area. The conditions they lived in meant that it played a seminal role in the birth of the Labour Party. Come along to find out more.

Meet at Custom House and Canning Town Community Neighbourhood Centre and Library
Meet 10.30am, please note that the tour will take approximately 2 hours
Open to all
There are a limited number of places on the tour so advance booking is recommended to avoid disappointment. For more information and to book your space please contact Custom House and Canning Town Community Neighbourhood Centre on 020 3373 0854.

History in a Bag, Newham Past and Present Heritage Walk
Spend a morning visiting the Royal Docks. Get ready to walk and talk about the changing history of the area.
Start your walk at:
• King George V DLR 10am
• City Airport DLR 11am
• Royal Albert DLR 12noon
Please note that attendees are also expected to attend the History in a Bag textile and print workshop later in the day (see programme for details)
Meet to start walk outside the main entrance at 10am
Open to all
To find out more and to book your call place 020 3373 4030 / 4040, 9am-5pm from Monday-Friday
Pop-up Museum of Childcare
Do you have a favourite toy from your childhood, a special family photograph, the first pair of shoes you taught your child to tie themselves? Bring something that has a special story and share it with others in a pop up museum and browse what other people have brought. Get talking to people of all ages about bringing up kids in Newham past and present. Facilitated by On the Record. Refreshments provided.
Terrence Brown Arc in the Park,
Hermit Road Park, Bethell Avenue, E16 4JT
11am-2pm
For more information and to book your space contact paula@theaaazone.com

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11am-3pm
Children’s activity, ages 8-13
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Wednesday 25 October afternoon

Pathways to History
Head back to nature as you explore the wonderful world of East Ham Nature Reserve. Try your hand at grave rubbing and enjoy an interactive nature trail along our brand new pathways as you consider the amazing history of this ancient site. In the visitor’s centre you can learn how our ancestors used herbal medicine and even have a go at making your own tea in our herbal histories activity.

East Ham Nature Reserve, Norman Road, E6 6HN
12-4pm
Suitable for all ages
For more information anna.yusuf@activeNewham.org.uk
Green Street Festival
Come to historic Queens Market during the Green Street Festival and see the Pop up Museum of Food (next to the Community Neighbourhoods stall). You can also make your own poster advertising one of the old food items on show. Bring your old recipes to share, for example pie and mash, samosas, rice and peas, rhubarb and custard etc. See the exhibition of Queens Market traders with QR codes to their oral histories.
Queens Market, Upton Park, Green St, London, E13 9BA
12-5pm
All ages welcome
For more information call Green Street Library on 020 3373 0857

Playing with the past
A fun hands on games making workshop exploring local heroes and stories about East London’s past.
Stratford Library
2-3.30pm
Parents, and children aged 6 to 12
To book your free places, or for more information email vprice@ucl.ac.uk or call 020 7612 6304

History in a Bag, Newham Past and Present Textile and Print Workshop
Spend an afternoon at Beckton Globe Learning Centre with a textile artist and teacher to create a printed memory of your day at the docks. Please note that attendees are also expected to have attended the History in a Bag Royal Docks heritage walk earlier in the morning.
Beckton Globe Adult Learning Centre,
1 Kingsford Way, Beckton, London, E6 5JQ
2-5pm
Open to all
To find out more and to book your place call 020 3373 4030 / 4040, 9am-5pm from Monday-Friday

Playing With Old Toys and Games, Children’s Workshop
Children will experience what toys and games were like in Newham’s past and will make their own toy or game to take away.
East Ham Community Neighbourhood Centre and Library
2-4pm
Ages 5-11
For more information or to book a place 020 3373 0856
Neighbourhood 15 - rebuilding Newham after World War II - A showing of the film
Local historians Peter Williams and Mark Gorman will talk about the local film makers who produced Neighbourhood 15 and the historical housing problems it highlighted.
Forest Gate Community Neighbourhood Centre and Library
6.30-8pm
Please note that this free event is for adults and spaces are limited.
To book your place or for further information please call Forest Gate Community Neighbourhood Centre on 020 3373 0856

Guided Tours of House Mill & Gin Tasting
Tour this spectacular Grade I listed building, to learn about its role in the 18th century Gin Craze and sample a range of London Gin. There is a charge of £10 per person.
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6.30-8pm
Over 18s
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The guided tours are not suitable for very small or unaccompanied children.
For further details email info@housemill.org.uk phone 020 8980 4626 or 07968 063 017
Thursday 26 October morning

East Ham Heritage Walk
Walk through centuries of history in and around your neighbourhood and beyond. Find out the stories behind places you see every day and places you may never have noticed. East Ham, mentioned in the Domesday Book, considered itself a more refined area than West Ham or its other neighbours. It has a number of open spaces and its inhabitants were largely middle-class people, many of them active in charities, which still benefit local people. Come along to find out about this and much more.

East Ham Community Neighbourhood Centre and Library
Meet 10.30am, please note that the tour will take approximately 2 hours
All welcome
There are a limited number of places on the tour so advance booking is recommended to avoid disappointment. For more information and to book your space please contact East Ham Community Neighbourhood Centre on 020 3373 0827

Canning Town Heritage Themed Coffee Morning
Come along to the Canning Town heritage themed coffee morning to discuss your heritage and how Newham got to where it is today. Attendees will receive a free copy of The Newham Story, a heritage publication. Available whilst stocks last.

Custom House and Canning Town Community Neighbourhood Centre and Library, 18 Rathbone Market, Canning Town, E16 1EH
11am-12.15pm
Please note that this activity is for adults
For more information please call Custom House and Canning Town Community Neighbourhood Centre and Library on 020 3373 0854

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11am-3pm
Children’s activity, ages 8-13
For more information and to book your space contact paula@theaaazone.com
Thursday 26 October afternoon

History in a Bag, Open Exhibition Workshops
Creative open day using gathered resources and exhibits as inspiration, where participants can further contribute their ideas to the History in a Bag exhibition (look under Exhibitions in the programme for more details).

Beckton Globe Adult Learning Centre
1 Kingsford Way, Beckton, London, E6 5JQ
10am-1pm
All welcome
For more information telephone 020 3373 4030 / 4040 between 9am-5pm Monday-Friday

Newham Working Lives, Children’s Workshop
Children will learn how people used to work and will look at old photographs and learn about what was once made in Newham, such as Trebor Sweets, Yardley soaps and the ship building industry. Children will also make a factory out of card.

Manor Park Library
12.30pm-2.30pm
Ages 5-11
For more information 020 3373 0858

Plashet Park, Turning Back Time
Step back in time in Plashet Park with activities designed to reflect the long history of the park. From remembering the zoo to celebrating the rich cultural heritage there will be something for everyone to enjoy.

Plashet Park
12-4pm
Open to all
For more information anna.yusuf@activeNewham.org.uk

Guided Walk for Remembering Three Mills Group
A walk, led by Gordon Joly, from House Mill to Abbey, Gardens, via Three Mills Green, Abbey Mills Pumping Station, and return.
Meet at House Mill at 2pm, Three Mills Lane, Three Mills Island, E3 3DU
£3 charge, to include a copy of the 3Mills
Green Street Heritage Walk
Walk through centuries of history in and around your neighbourhood and beyond. Find out the stories behind places you see every day and places you may never have noticed. Green Street runs between Romford Road and Barking Road. Now the heart of a vibrant multicultural shopping area, it was long associated with West Ham Football Club’s Boleyn Ground, named after Henry VIII’s second wife. She is not remembered for her interest in football but she did have a connection with the ground. Come along to find out about this and much more.

Green Street Library
Meet 2.30pm, please note that the tour will take approximately 2 hours
Open to all
There are a limited number of places on the tour so advance booking is recommended to avoid disappointment. For more information and to book your space please contact Green Street Library on 020 3373 0857.

Beckton Globe Library History Quiz and Heritage Craft Session
Children’s Newham history quiz and crafts.
Beckton Globe Library
2.30-4pm
Ages 7-13
For more information call 020 3373 0853

Mapping the Manor: children’s workshop
Using old maps of the local area, children will mark on the map their home, trip to school and use old pictures to see what the area was like years ago – they will also listen to interviews with residents about how the area used to be.
Plaistow Library
4-6pm
Ages 5-11
For more information or to book your place call 020 3373 0859
History, An Open Mic Event
Join us for a 30-minute talk about the making of our Making East London exhibition and about its featured stories, followed by an open mic style sharing session. If you’d like to share your own research, stories or memories of East London’s past, come along and sign up when you arrive (if you have supporting items like photographs, feel free to bring these too).
Stratford Archives and Heritage Centre, 1st Floor, Stratford Library, 3 The Grove, Stratford, London, E15 1EL
Doors open 6pm, event 6.15-7.30pm Ages 12+
There are a limited number of places so advance booking is recommended to avoid disappointment. For more information and to book your space please contact vprice@ucl.ac.uk or call 020 7612 6304

Friday 27 October morning

Community Neighbourhoods Heritage Routemaster Bus Tour of Newham
Join us on this historical opportunity to board an old London Routemaster double decker bus and to take a thrilling heritage tour of Newham. This amazing guided tour, on board a true London icon, will cover all the major heritage sites of Newham and will include historical stop off points. The tour will cover Manor Park, East Ham, Forest Gate, Stratford and the Olympic Park, Royal Docks, West Ham, Plaistow and Canning Town and will involve guided commentary, music from Newham and audio sound clips to convey people’s real stories and insights in to Newham’s rich history. All those lucky enough to be on either the morning or afternoon tour will receive a bespoke map with historical facts relating to the key sites on the tour. The tour will be guided and facilitated by Eastside Community Heritage.
Adults: £9 (reduced to £3 for Newham library card holders)
Children aged 10+: £6 (reduced to £2 for Newham library card holders)
To book your place please visit Stratford Library to make your payment (cash or cheque) or pay online via Eventbrite (search Newham Libraries and choose your Routemaster Heritage Tour).
Starting location: Stratford Library, 3 The Grove, Stratford, E15 1EL
Morning tour 10am-1pm, afternoon tour 2-5pm, please arrive 15 minutes prior to departure.
For full information see Saturday’s Routemaster Bus Tour
Bringing up Newham: Take Part in a Pop Up Museum of Childcare
Do you have a favourite toy from your childhood, a special family photograph or the first pair of shoes you taught your child to tie themselves? Bring something that has a special story and share it with others in a pop up museum, and browse what other people have brought. Get talking to people of all ages about bringing up kids in Newham, past and present. Refreshments provided. Organised by On the Record as part of Holding the Baby: an oral history of childcare and parenting in the East End as part of Newham Heritage Week.
Forest Gate Community Neighbourhood Centre
6-8 Woodgrange Road, Forest Gate, E7 0QH
10.30am-12.30pm
All welcome
For more information contact On the Record Co-Director Rosa Schling on 07853 228 023, email rosa@on-the-record.org.uk or visit on-the-record.org.uk

Arc Young People’s Heritage Week
A wide range of children’s heritage related activities including workshops, heritage games and painting murals celebrating Newham’s heritage.
Terrence Brown Arc in the Park,
Hermit Road Park, Bethell Avenue, E16 4JT
11am-3pm
Children’s activity, ages 8-13
For more information and to book your space contact paula@theaazzone.com
Friday 27 October afternoon

History in a Bag, Open Exhibition Workshops
Creative open days using gathered resources and exhibits as inspiration, where participants can further contribute their ideas to the History in a Bag exhibition (look under Exhibitions in the programme for more details).

Beckton Globe Adult Learning Centre
1 Kingsford Way, Beckton, London, E6 5JQ
1pm-3pm
All welcome
For more information 0203 373 4030 / 4040, 9am-5pm Monday-Friday

Community Neighbourhoods Heritage Routemaster Bus
Tour of Newham
See earlier 10am programme entry for full details.

Starting at Stratford Library
Tour 2-5pm, please arrive 15 minutes prior to departure
Minimum age 10 years
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Adults: £9 (reduced to £3 for Newham library card holders)
Children aged 10+: £6 (reduced to £2 for Newham library card holders)

To book your place please visit East Ham Community Neighbourhood Centre and Library to make your payment (cash or cheque) or pay online via Eventbrite (search Newham Libraries and choose your Routemaster Heritage Tour).

Starting Location East Ham Community Neighbourhood Centre and Library

Morning tour 10am-1pm, afternoon tour 2-5pm, please arrive 15 minutes prior to departure.

Please note that the minimum age for this tour is ten years old.
Please also note that there is a step up to the lower deck platform and multiple steps leading to the upper deck platform. If for reasons of health you require a seat on the lower deck please make sure this is specified at the point of booking.
Custom House Heritage Walk
Walk through centuries of history in and around your neighbourhood and beyond. Find out the stories behind places you see every day and places you may never have noticed. Custom House is named after the place where importers paid their dues on bringing goods from all over the British Empire into the Royal Docks, the largest enclosed docks in the world. Since their closure the area has been redeveloped for business and leisure. Come along to find out about this and much more.
Meet 10.30am at Royal Victoria DLR station (south side)
Royal Victoria DLR station E16 1DE and finish at Prince Regent station
Please note that the tour will take approximately 2 hours
All welcome
There are a limited number of places on the tour so advance booking is recommended to avoid disappointment. For more information and to book your space please contact Custom House Library on 020 3373 0855.

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Terrence Brown Arc in the Park,
Hermit Road Park, Bethell Avenue, E16 4JT
11am-3pm, ages 8-13
Children’s activity
For more information and to book your space contact
paula@theaaazone.com
Saturday 28 October afternoon

Community Neighbourhoods Heritage Routemaster Bus Tour of Newham
See earlier 10am programme entry for full details.

Starting at East Ham Community Neighbourhood Centre and Library The afternoon tour will take place between 2-5pm
Please arrive 15 minutes prior to departure Minimum age 10 years

Open Mic Heritage Themed Poetry Event
Open Mic poetry event run by the Stratford Poetry group. Come along and take part, read your heritage themed poem, or sit back, relax and listen to history getting lyrical.

Stratford Library
2-5pm
Open to all ages
For more information call 020 3373 0826

North Woolwich Heritage Walk
Walk through centuries of history in and around your neighbourhood and beyond. Find out the stories behind places you see every day and places you may never have noticed. North Woolwich lies on the other side of the river from Woolwich town for reasons that date back to 1066. Explore the Royal Victoria Pleasure Gardens, the Albert and King George V Docks, and UEL

Meet at North Woolwich Library, walk ends at Gallions Reach DLR station.
Meet 2.30pm, please note that the tour will take approximately 2 hours
Open to all ages
There are a limited number of places on the tour so advance booking is recommended to avoid disappointment. For more information and to book your space please contact North Woolwich Library on 020 3373 0843.

Playing with Old Toys and Games, Children’s Workshop
Children will experience what toys and games were like in Newham’s past and will make their own toy or games to take away.

Beckton Globe Library
2.30-4.30pm
Ages 5-11
For more information or to book a place call 020 3373 0853
Tell Us Your Story
This is your chance to preserve your own memories as part of UCL’s own archive! Come and say hello to our trained oral history specialists who will record your stories as you tell them.

Stratford Library
Drop in any time between 2-5pm
All ages welcome
No need to book. For more information email vprice@ucl.ac.uk or call 020 7612 6304

Sunday 29 October afternoon

The People Who Made West Ham Park, A Walking Tour
Join local historian Terry Sartain as we delve into the fascinating story of how West Ham Park was transformed from a lush rural estate into a vibrant city park, and how a determined group of local campaigners worked in partnership with the City of London Corporation to make it happen.

West Ham Park, Upton Lane, E7 9PU
Walk starts at the ornamental gardens gate next to the superintendent’s office at 2pm, duration 1 hour 15 minutes.
All welcome

Newham’s Sporting History, Children’s Workshop
Children will learn about Newham’s sporting heritage, such as Edward Harry Temme who was the first man to swim across the English Channel both ways or Bobby Moore our world cup winning footballer and many more. Children will also make a sporting programme and old poster advertising a sporting activity that took place in Newham’s history, perhaps a poster for West Ham in the 1960s.

Stratford Library
2-4pm
Ages 5-11
For more information and to book your place 020 3373 0826
Newham Heritage Week 2017 Acknowledgements

The London Borough of Newham Community Neighbourhood Team would like to say a huge thank you to all the individuals and organisations who have given up their time and resources to contribute to the Newham Heritage Week Programme.

The energy and passion they all have for the rich heritage of Newham is infectious and we have no doubt that this will inspire more and more of our residents to get involved, to learn, celebrate and be proud of the borough they live in and the history which surrounds everyone in Newham.

Newham Heritage Week 2018

Two very important centenenaries will be key themes for Newham Heritage Week 2018.

- The Armistice and the end of World War 1
- The passing of the 1918 Representation of the People Act, which gave women the right to vote and led to the franchise being made equal to that for men.

If you are an organisation or passionate individual who would like to be involved in Newham Heritage Week 2018 to mark these highly significant events and to celebrate the borough’s rich heritage please contact Ian Martin at ian.martin@nwham.gov.uk
Newham’s Libraries and Community Neighbourhood Centres.

Beckton Globe Library
1 Kingsford Way, E6 5JQ
020 3373 0853
CN.BecktonRoyalDocks@newham.gov.uk
Monday-Saturday 10.30am-8pm
Sunday Closed

East Ham Community Neighbourhood Centre and Library
328 Barking Road, E6 2RT
020 3373 0827
CN.Eastham@newham.gov.uk
Monday-Friday 9am-8pm
Saturday 8am-8pm
Sunday Closed

Green Street Library
337-341 Green Street, E13 9AR
020 3373 0857
CN.Greenstreet@newham.gov.uk
Monday-Saturday 10.30am-8pm
Sunday Closed

Stratford Library
3 The Grove, E15 1EL
020 3373 0826
CN.Stratfordwestham@newham.gov.uk
Monday-Saturday 9.30am-8pm
Sunday 1pm-5pm

Canning Town and Custom House
Community Neighbourhood Centre and Library
18 Rathbone Market Barking Road, Canning Town, E16 1EH
020 3373 0854
CN.CustomHouseCanningTown@newham.gov.uk
Monday-Friday 8am-8pm
Saturday 9.30- 8pm
Sunday Closed
Custom House Library
Prince Regent Lane, E16 3JJ
020 3373 0855
CN.CustomHouseCanningTown@newham.gov.uk
Monday, Tuesday, Saturday 9.30am-5.30pm
Thursday 1pm-8pm
Wednesday, Friday, Sunday Closed

Forest Gate Community Neighbourhood Centre and Library
6-8 Woodgrange Road, E7 0QH
020 3373 0856
CN.Forestgate@newham.gov.uk
Monday-Friday 8am-8pm
Saturday 9.30am-8pm
Sunday Closed

Manor Park Community Neighbourhood Centre and Library
685-693 Romford Road, E12 5AD
020 3373 0858
CN.Manorpark@newham.gov.uk
Monday-Saturday 10.30am-8pm
Sunday Closed

Plaistow Library
North Street, E13 9HL
020 3373 0859
CN.Plaistow@newham.gov.uk
Monday, Tuesday, Saturday 9.30am-5.30pm
Wednesday, Friday 9.30am-5pm
Thursday 1pm-8pm
Sunday Closed

North Woolwich Library
5 Pier Parade, E16 2LJ
020 3373 0843
CN.BecktonRoyalDocks@newham.gov.uk
Monday, Tuesday, Saturday 9.30am-5.30pm
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What’s on in Newham

Get active, get healthy and learn new skills, join in seasonal events or keep the kids entertained.

With hundreds of events across Newham every week there is lots for everyone to do, and almost all activities are free.

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