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Clive Rowe as Dame Daisy Trott, Debbie Kurup as Jack, and Kat B as Snowman in this year's fabulous panto at Hackney Empire, 'Jack and the Beanstalk' (review on page 17)

CHRISTMAS is just around the corner (oh, yes it is!) and to celebrate Hackney Today is packed with festive events as part of this year's Make

Hackney Sparkle campaign. From a series of late night shopping dates and colourful Christmas markets, to traditional Yuletide knees-ups

and pop-up craft fairs, there is plenty for everyone to get involved in locally. Highlights include Hackney Empire's colossal panto hit,

'Jack and the Beanstalk' (pictured), starring the fabulous Clive Rowe, which is on until 3 January; a free family film screening of colourful

Disney animation 'Inside Out' on 1 December, and the magical 'festival of light' at Dalston Eastern Curve garden throughout December.



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Cllr Philip Glanville, Mayor Jules Pipe, Postmaster Chandrakant Patel and Cllr Clayeon McKenzie at the official handover of Murray Grove Post Office

Stamp of approval

AHACKNEY Post Office has been returned to the main postal network thanks to a Council-backed campaign, local community support and new investment.

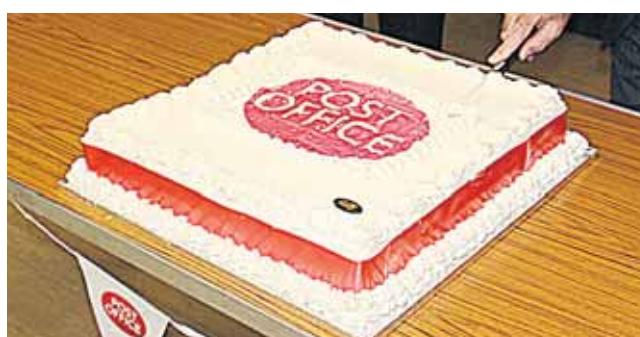
Murray Grove Post Office, in Hoxton, has received over £250,000 from the Council to stay open over the past five years. During this time, Postmaster Chandrakant Patel has improved services to meet growing customer demand.

The success has made it possible to hand Murray Grove back to Post Office Ltd to create a modern branch, with longer opening hours and increased services.

It will now offer bill payment, banking, benefits, postage, home-shopping returns, Local Collect, car tax and a selection of on-demand holiday money.

Mrs Bennett, who has

“It’s heart-warming to see this local branch, facing closure some five years ago, becoming a success story”



A cake to celebrate the branch rejoining the postal network

lived in the borough since 1951, said: “The Post Office is a godsend. It’s so close for local people who can’t walk further.”

Helen, a resident of 45 years, added: “The Post Office has everything I need from my pension to stamps. It’s also a place where local people can meet, it’s a community

place. The staff are friendly and so helpful.”

This latest chapter in the story of the Murray Grove branch follows its closure in 2008 as

part of a Post Office money saving programme. It reopened in 2010, with Council funding, after a hard-fought community campaign.

Jules Pipe, Mayor of Hackney, who spoke at the official handover event on 27 November, said: “It’s heart-warming to see this local branch, facing closure some five years ago, becoming the success story it is today with the continued support of the local community, businesses and the Council. Now part of Post Office Ltd, residents can continue to carry out necessary daily tasks on their doorstep for the many years to come.”

Postmaster Patel, who also runs Murrays Chemist from the same premises, added: “I was delighted to unveil the new style branch and I am very pleased to be officially launching it today for the community.”

Cllr Philip Glanville, Cabinet Member for Housing; and Hoxton West ward councillor, Clayeon McKenzie, were also in attendance at the relaunch.

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Update on baths

Residents were invited to give their views on how they would like to see the Grade II listed Haggerston Baths building developed

NEARLY 400 people have responded to a survey about the future of the Grade II listed Haggerston Baths.

The Council sought expressions of interest in the 111-year-old building, in June, attracting 29 bids from a range of individuals, firms and developers.

Residents were then invited to give their views on how they would like to see the building developed, by answering eight questions formulated by the Save Haggerston Pool campaign group and the Council.

A total of 86 per cent of respondents felt it

very important that a public swimming pool is reinstated in the building. Other popular, alternative uses, included a community space, a cafe or restaurant, and arts and cultural venue. The majority of respondents felt it was important to bring the building back into use for aesthetic and

heritage reasons. The survey results have been passed on to the bidders to help them refine their formal propositions, which were submitted to the Council on 27 November, and they will also inform the Council's decision-making process.

Hackney is seeking to redevelop the site in light of

the baths' annual £100,000 approximate upkeep, which covers maintenance and security for the empty building. It is estimated that it will cost around £25million to make the building safe and bring it back into public use – something the Council cannot prioritise in view of ongoing government budget cuts.



MORE INFO

 View the survey results at: www.hackney.gov.uk/Assets/Documents/Report-on-Haggerston-Baths-November-Questionnaire.pdf

Speaker's gala raises over £12.5K for charities

MORE than £12,500 was raised for three local charities thanks to the generosity of guests at the Speaker of Hackney's annual dinner gala.

Business owners, mayors from across London, councillors and guests came together for the fundraising celebration on 6 November, with the money divided between the

Speaker's chosen charities: Hackney Food Bank, Immediate Theatre, and Hestia, an organisation that helps survivors of domestic abuse and their families rebuild their lives.

Some of the fabulous raffle prizes donated were a Ted Baker leather laptop bag; dinner for two at Yum Yum restaurant in Stoke Newington; a box

at the Hackney Empire's pantomime; tea for two at the House of Commons; and a £50 gift voucher from Paper Dress Vintage. In total, £12,679.74 was raised through ticket sales and raffle tickets.

Entertainment on the night at the Assembly Rooms, in Hackney Town Hall, included Gary Graceland as Elvis and a

disco with DJ Fiona Meeks.

The Speaker, Cllr Sade Etti, said: "I am overwhelmed with the generosity of people who donated to my nominated charities. It was amazing to see so many faces attend and take part in this annual gala dinner. Thank you to all of the organisations and others that supported this event."



Gary Graceland as Elvis with the Speaker, Cllr Sade Etti

News in brief

London Fields filtering scheme meeting on 14 December

A MEETING is being held about the Council's proposed London Fields filtering scheme after an earlier event had to be cancelled because the venue was too small to fit in everyone who turned up.

The proposals could see 16 residential junctions around London Fields closed to motor vehicle through traffic from January for a three month trial.

The proposals have provoked strong reaction from residents, both for and against, and the meeting will be an opportunity for councillors and officers to answer questions and concerns from the public about the scheme. The three-month trial aims to end 'rat- running' in the area and improve conditions for pedestrians and cyclists by blocking roads to through traffic.

The meeting is set to take place on 14 December, at 7pm, in Hackney Town Hall Assembly Rooms. Those unable to attend can read frequently asked questions at: www.hackney.gov.uk/traffic-management.htm#London-Fields. Further questions can be e-mailed to: andy.cunningham@hackney.gov.uk

Improvement to repairs line

HACKNEY Homes' tenants and leaseholders should see improvements to the Repairs Contact Centre, after residents experienced problems in resolving repair queries and long waits for calls to be answered.

The Council and Hackney Homes have been working to improve the service and recruited new members of staff to start next month, ensuring the contact centre is fully staffed from 8am to 7pm, Monday to Friday.

At least half of the new staff are local people, brought in through the Council's Ways into Work team.

Cllr Philip Glanville, Cabinet Member for Housing, said: "I want to apologise unreservedly and assure tenants and leaseholders that we are working to make rapid improvements to the Repairs Contact Centre in time for the cold winter months when demand goes up sharply. There is still a way to go, but things are definitely moving in the right direction."

For more info on reporting a repair, visit: www.hackneyhomes.org.uk/repairs

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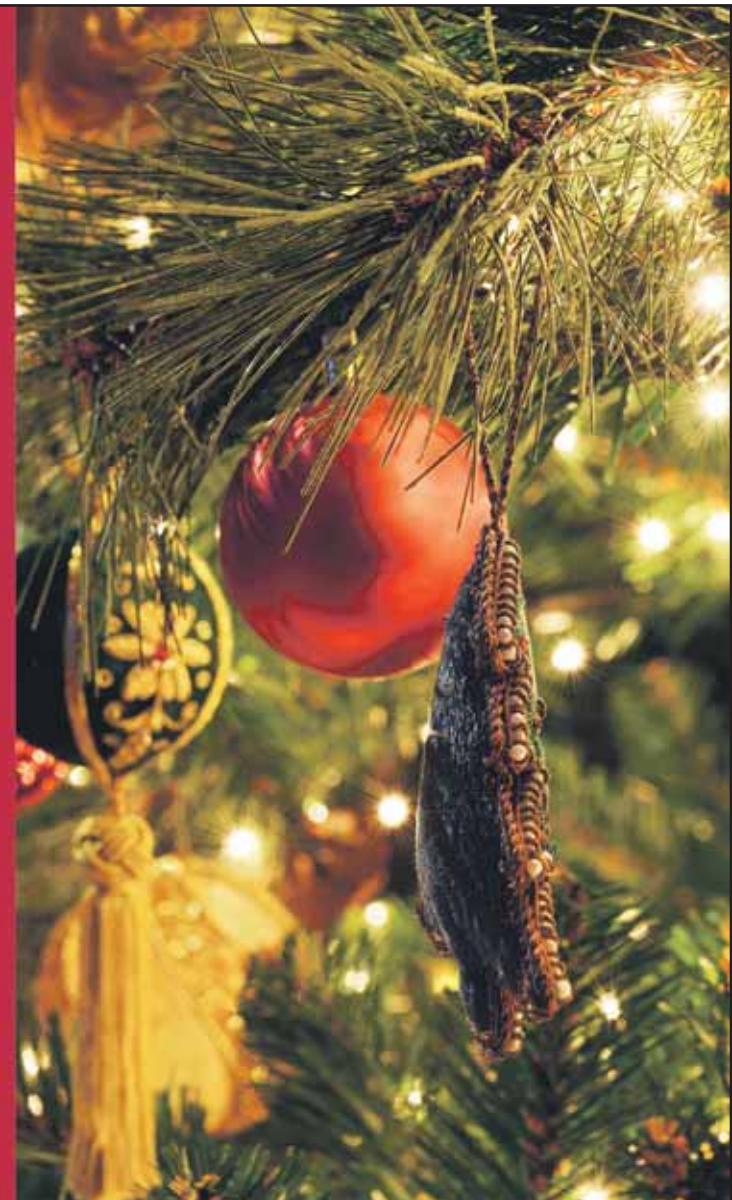
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HACKNEY EMPIRE WEARS THE TINSEL CROWN
The Times (2013)

JACK AND THE BEANSTALK

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The Mayor's Music Awards acknowledge some of Hackney's brightest young musicians

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Photos: Gary Marnie



And all that jazz

FOUR hundred and fifty young people taking to the stage and performing everything from chamber music to R&B, via bell-ringing and jazz, can only mean one thing: the return of the annual Mayor's Music Awards.

The awards are part of Hackney Learning Trust's Music Service Annual Gala, which celebrates the achievements of the most talented music students in the borough. This year, the show at

Hackney Empire featured bands, youth choirs, string groups and jazz ensembles.

The awards, established three years ago, are designed to identify aspiring



“It is clear that Hackney's reputation as the creative heart of London is in safe hands with all of you”

young musicians, and fund and support them as they develop their abilities.

Mayor of Hackney, Jules Pipe, said: "We want to celebrate, encourage and enable young people to develop these talents, and I am determined that someone's financial situation should not be a barrier to this."

The awards fall into four categories. Recognition for 'musical achievement in instrumental learning' went to Romola Goldfarb, from Betty Layward Primary School, and Mawule Adje, from Petchey Academy.

Romola, 10, said: "I can't lie, it was one of the best nights of my life, ever. I still can't believe it. When Jules Pipe said my name, I thought, 'huh?' and according to my friend I looked like a smiling zombie when I walked onto the stage. I feel like I



can do anything now."

The 'certificate of acknowledgement', for a school's musical curriculum went to The Bridge Academy, and Daubeny Primary School.

'Excellence in music education practice' was awarded to Sir Thomas Abney School, and Mossbourne Community Academy.

An instrument purchasing fund, designed to develop an ensemble group, was split between Southwold primary, Sir Thomas Abney and The Urswick schools.

Mayor Pipe added: "It is clear that Hackney's reputation as the creative heart of London is in safe hands with you."



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1. Abney Park in the snow; 2. Hackney Empire panto 'Jack and the Beanstalk'; 3. Stoke Newington Farmers' Market; 4. Dalston Eastern Curve Garden's 'Festival of Light'

Make Hackney Sparkle

Follow our four-page guide on how to have a wonderful Christmas time in Hackney

THE festive season is upon us and the Council, along with local businesses and communities, is preparing to bring an abundance of Christmas cheer to the borough.

The Christmas lights were switched on in Hackney Town Hall Square on 28 November, and another four fully decked-out Christmas trees are standing proud in Dalston Square; Tabernacle Square, Shoreditch; Stoke Newington Church Street;



and Prince Edward Road, Hackney Wick. (See the map on page 7.)

There's plenty to do in the borough too – highlights from this year's programme of festive events include

a series of late night shopping dates; colourful Christmas markets and street festivals; traditional Yuletide knees-ups; pop-up craft fairs; mulled wine stalls galore; sparkly pantos;

joyful Christmas carols; magical light installations; wonderful winter walks; a surreal Santa's grotto; a free Disney film screening and a partridge in a pear tree. Well, maybe not that...

So pull on your favourite Christmas jumper, brave the cold, and go and see what Hackney has to offer.

See pages 8-9 for a full list of festive events.

MORE INFO

For more info, visit: www.destinationhackney.co.uk; or: www.hackney.gov.uk/christmas. Share pics on Twitter using #MakeHackneySparkle and tweet us @LoveHackney



Free film screening of Disney's 'Inside Out'

22 Dec, doors open at 3pm

The Council has teamed up with elevenfiftyfive to host a free screening of one of Disney Pixar's newest movies 'Inside Out'. The colourful animation tells

the story of 11-year-old Riley and her emotions – Joy, Sadness, Anger, Fear and Disgust – who learns that her family must move house. How will Riley react?

The U-rated computer animated comedy will be shown at the Council's new venue BL-NK, 25-27 Curtain Road, Shoreditch. Youngsters who dress in their favourite festive outfit will receive a treat on arrival.

Families wanting to see the film should book a ticket in advance as attendance is limited to 200. Free tickets can be booked, from 1 December, at: www.hackney.gov.uk/christmas

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Free parking will be available on several roads across Hackney on Saturday, 19 December. Visit: www.hackney.gov.uk/markets for further details.

KEY

- Christmas trees
- Hackney Markets
- Christmas Lights



feature

Chatsworth Road: late night shopping and Christmas markets

Stay local, shop local this Xmas



Chatsworth Road Christmas markets:

6, 13, & 20 Dec, 11am-4pm

Beautiful handmade gifts and unique crafts can be found in abundance at this popular local market and surrounding shops. Pick up food supplies from a range of specialist traders and enjoy tasty festive treats.

Christmas market and street festival:

13 Dec, 11am-9pm

Chatsworth Road will be closed to traffic and the street filled with live music and free activities including a dog show, visit from Santa and more.

Late night shopping: Thurs 10 & 17 Dec, 5-8pm.

Chatsworth Road, Lower Clapton, E5 0LS.

Info: www.chatsworthroade5.co.uk; Twitter: @chatsworthroad

Free parking will be available on the roads and streets beside Hoxton (19 Dec) and Ridley Road markets (19 & 24 Dec). There are no parking restrictions on Saturdays at Broadway Market, or Sundays at Chatsworth Road. See www.hackney.gov.uk/christmas

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Well Street Market Winter Festival



12 Dec, 11am-5pm

A winter festival is coming to Well Street Market. The road will be closed to traffic and there will be live music, free children's activities and market stalls. Traders will be selling a mix of food and drink, fresh produce, as well as beautifully designed goods from local designer/makers. The street is also home to an eclectic mix of shops, cafes, bars, restaurants and independent pubs, including Time Out's 'Most Loved' pub in London, The Kenton. Well Street, E9.

Info: www.wellstreetmarket.co.uk; or @wellstmarket

Simply having a wonderful

STOKE NEWINGTON LATE NIGHT SHOPPING

2, 9, 16, & 23 Dec, until 8pm

Each Wednesday in December, Stoke Newington's shops are opening late. Look out for special offers to celebrate the festive season. Make an evening of it and visit one of the area's popular pubs, bars or restaurants. Info: stokeybusiness.com/



SHOREDITCH CHRISTMAS TRIANGLE

3, 10, & 17 Dec, 5-9pm

Every Thursday in December, there will be late night openings with music, mulled wine and special discounts as well as Christmas workshops

and events featuring local designers, shops, studios, galleries, cafes, restaurants and pop-up events.

Info: www.shoreditchdesigntriangle.com

HOXTON SQUARE & CLISSOLD HOUSE CHRISTMAS MARKETS

4-6 Dec & 18-20 Dec

Stalls will sell a range of hot food, mulled wine, spiced cider, Christmas gifts, crafts, stocking fillers and festive foods. There will also be a live music stage at each market and Santa's grotto on Sundays. Info: www.marketsquaregroup.com

GROWING COMMUNITIES FARMERS' MARKET

5, 12, & 19 Dec, 10am-2.30pm

Buy everything you need for the perfect organic Christmas feast at this Stoke Newington market. Farmers and producers will be selling turkeys, geese, sprouts, spuds and parsnips; award-winning cheeses; fresh fish; wild mushrooms; pies and

delicious cakes. There will also be plenty of foodie gifts, such as hand-made chocolates, chutneys and preserves, Hackney honey, beauty products and more. St Paul's Church, Stoke Newington Road, N16 7UY. Info: www.growingcommunities.org/market



CHRISTMAS BOOK MARKET AT NETIL MARKET

6 & 13 Dec

In addition to the regular Netil House Saturday market, there will be a Christmassy book market on two Sundays in December. Wesgate Street, E8. Info: www.facebook.com/bookwoodmeet

HACKNEY FLEA-MAS MARKET

6 & 13 Dec, 11am-6pm

Festive vintage market specialising in one-of-a-kind and handmade items. Plus carols and a cafe selling mulled wine and cakes. Abney Hall, 73a Stoke Newington Church Street, N16 0AS. Info: www.hackneyfleamarket.com

two afternoons of seasonal merriment. 17 Amhurst Terrace, E8 2BT. Info: eatworkart.com/the-russet



STOKE NEWINGTON TOWN HALL CHRISTMAS MARKET

12 & 13 Dec, 11am-7pm

This traditional indoor market will play host to a range of retailers offering exquisite gifts, as well as stocking fillers for the kids. Visitors can also enjoy mulled wine and mince pies. Stoke Newington Church Street, N16 0JR.

Info: www.hackneyvenues.com/latest-news

CHRISTMAS MARKET AT THE RUSSET

12 & 19 Dec, 11am-4pm

Artists, crafters, bakers, food producers, jewellers, face-painters, carol singers and more come together for

churches will fill the street with Christmas carols. Info: www.hackney.gov.uk/markets

CHRISTMAS ON BROADWAY MARKET

5, 12, 19 & 24 Dec, 9am-4pm

Saturday market offering high quality fresh produce, with a special Christmas Eve market for last minute shoppers. The street is also packed with great places to eat and drink, with many shops and restaurants offering discounts. Plus there's late night shopping until 9pm on Wednesday 2, 9, 16 and 23 December. Broadway Market, E8 4QJ.

Info: [@Broadway_Mkt](http://broadwaymarket.co.uk)



CHRISTMAS ON RIDLEY ROAD MARKET

12 Dec, 12noon-4pm

Steel pans will be beating out traditional Christmas songs at this bustling market. Santa will also make an appearance. Ridley Road, E8 2NH. Info: www.hackney.gov.uk/markets

HOXTON STREET MARKET CHRISTMAS KNEES-UP

12 Dec, 11am-12noon

Alongside traditional and festive stalls, choirs from Shoreditch

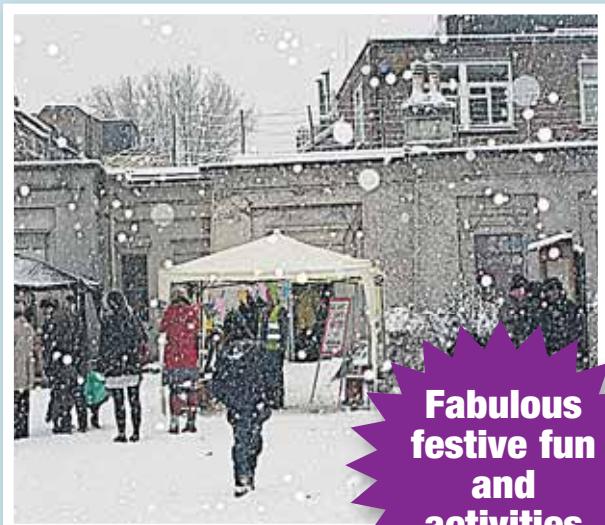


Abney Park Winter Fun Day

12 Dec, 11am-3pm

Head to the main gates of Abney Park for a day of family friendly fun including wreath-making, gifts from Santa, woodworking and stone carving demonstrations, a raffle, plenty of stalls and festive food and drink.

Stoke Newington High St, N16 0LH. Info: abneypark.org



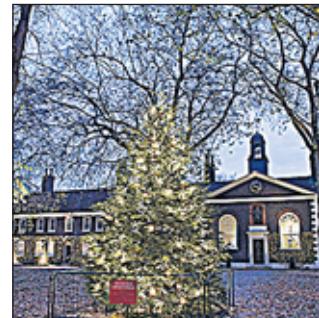
Fabulous festive fun and activities

Christmas time...

CHRISTMAS PAST AT THE GEFFRYE MUSEUM

Until 3 Jan, times vary

Festive decorations transform the Geffrye Museum's period rooms, giving visitors a magical glimpse into how Christmas has been celebrated in English homes over the past 400 years. There are also a range of festive events for everyone to enjoy (see page 15 for more). Kingsland Road, E2 8EA. Info: www.geffrye-museum.org.uk



JACK AND THE BEANSTALK

Until 5 Jan, times vary

Hackney Empire's famous panto is back. This year's performance of 'Jack and the Beanstalk' provides lots of laughter and fun for all the

family, with show-stopping songs and performances (see review on page 17). 291 Mare Street, E8 1EJ. Info: www.hackneyempire.co.uk

FESTIVAL OF LIGHT AT DALSTON CURVE GARDEN

Throughout December

Celebrate the importance of light in the darkest months by making magical installations which illuminate Dalston Eastern Curve garden throughout winter. All of the hand-made lanterns will be aglow on 'Light Nights', when the garden stays open late with choir singing and festive film screenings. 13 Dalston Lane, E8 3DF. Info: www.dalstongarden.org

SURREAL SANTA'S GROTTO & FAMILY CHRISTMAS FAIR

5 & 6 Dec, 11am-6pm

Breaker's Yard at Sutton House will host the 'world's first' Santa's Grotto in a 'double-decker caravan palace'. Plus inside the National Trust Tudor home you will also find a Christmas pop-up fair. 2-4

Homerton High Street, E9 6JQ. Info: 020 8525 9054; www.nationaltrust.org.uk/sutton-house/whats-on



WICK WONDERLAND

11 & 12 Dec, times vary

Head to the Wick's Wonderland for delicious food, gifts, arts and crafts, jewellery workshops, art sessions, music and loads of stuff for kids too. The Hub 67 and The Skatepark, Rotherby Road, E9 5HA. Info: hubsixtyseven.com

BOOTYARD BAZAAR

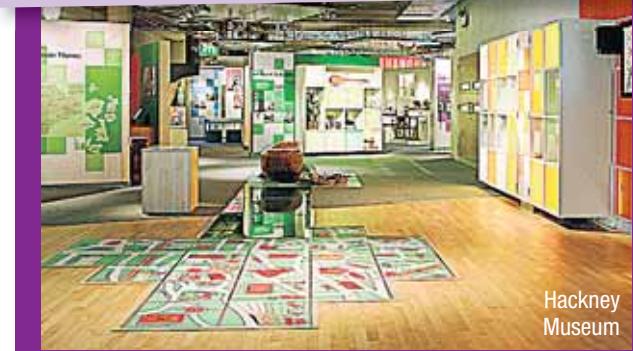
11-13 Dec, times vary

A festive launch of a new type of start-up and community-led workspace. Using shipping containers to house Bootyard tenants, the bazaar

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Also don't miss out on



Hackney Museum

Hackney Museum: The museum's current exhibition 'African Threads - Hackney Style' documents 400 years of textile-themed journeys from Africa to Hackney. The museum shop also has lots of great gifts too. 1 Reading Lane, E8 1GQ. Info: www.hackney.gov.uk/museum

Christmas in Hackney libraries: Free seasonal events are planned across Hackney's libraries throughout December. Activities include family craft sessions, film clubs, rhyme times and treasure hunts. Info: 020 8356 3000; or: www.hackney.gov.uk/libraries

Snowman Trail: From 5 to 19 December, homemade snowmen can be seen in the shops along Green Lanes, as well as in the surrounding streets. Those who spot 20 or more snowmen will get a prize, just note down the addresses and shops where you find them and visit Tangerina Coffee Shop, T&Shop, or That Hair Place, to claim your reward. Info: greenlanesn16@gmail.com; [@GreenLanesN16](https://twitter.com/GreenLanesN16)

Christmas events at The Old Church: Stoke Newington's beautiful events space housed in an old church has a packed programme this season, including performances from Wreckless Eric and Howard Eynon. There will also be art workshops and a 'Baby Broadway' family concert featuring performers singing well-loved show songs. Stoke Newington Church Street, N16 9ES. Info: www.theoldchurch.org.uk

A TOWERING CHRISTMAS AT ST AUGUSTINE'S TOWER

12 & 19 Dec, 10am-4pm

Visit Santa in his grotto hidden in St Augustine's Tower, the final remains of a 13th century parish church. Narrow Way, E8 1JB. Info: hhbt.org.uk

HACKNEY CITY FARM CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAYRE

13 Dec, 12noon-4.30pm

A fun day of carol singing, mulled wine and craft stalls. As well as activities for children and a visit from Santa. Hackney City Farm, 1a Goldsmiths Row, E2 8QA. Info: www.hackneycityfarm.co.uk

SNOW WHITE AND THE SEVEN DWARFS

14-24 Dec, 2pm & 6pm

Hoxton Hall presents its first ever panto, with an East End twist. From the icy pavements of Hoxton Street to the magic of the enchanted forest, join this thrilling adventure

complete with a wicked queen, handsome prince, hilarious panto Dame and Snow White herself. Expect lots of laughs, songs and surprises (see comp on page 16). Suitable for children aged 4+. Hoxton Hall, 130 Hoxton Street, N1 6SH. Info: www.hoxtonhall.co.uk



CHRISTMAS CAROLS AT HACKNEY TOWN HALL

17 Dec, 4pm

Join Hackney councillors and local school children for Christmas carols on the Hackney Town Hall steps.



Hackney Service Centre, Cashiers and Contact Centre, Christmas and New Year opening hours

Christmas Eve HSC, Cashiers and Contact Centre close at 5pm

Christmas Day Closed

30 December Closed

28 December Closed

31 December Closed

29 December Closed

1 January Closed

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Hackney is one of the most diverse places in the UK. In this regular feature, we profile the borough's great & good or just plain interesting

hackney people



Photo: Adam Holt

Author Tom McCarthy, who has twice been shortlisted for the Man Booker Prize, discusses art, philosophy and literature

By Harriet Worsley

“ALWAYS wanted to be a writer,” says novelist Tom McCarthy. Adding: “As a child I would borrow a neighbour’s typewriter and make up my own plots to Shakespeare plays. When I got stuck, I’d copy bits from the original. Which I later found out, of course, is pretty much how Shakespeare treated his own sources.”

Writing is something McCarthy can do very well: his two most recent novels have both been shortlisted for the Man Booker Prize: ‘C’ (2001) and ‘Satin Island’ (2015.) His first novel, ‘Remainder’ has also just been made into a film.

Sat in the Hackney studio where he writes while his wife, visual artist Eva Stenram, works too, McCarthy is discussing his busy schedule.

Just last month, he attended the Booker prize finalists’ party (won by Marlon James for his novel ‘A Brief History of Seven Killings’) as well as two film premiers for ‘Remainder’.

Tom’s diary difficulties aside, October was a month to make the UK’s major publishing houses blush. Because back in 2001, when Tom first sent his book out, it was almost universally rejected.

In the end an obscure art house publisher in Paris printed a tiny edition in 2005. It attracted a cult following, which led to a second imprint by Alma Books in London.

This then garnered the attention of the editor-in-chief of Vintage Books in the US. When McCarthy joined their list, he became something of a global literary star.

By that stage, however, Tom had tried a lot of jobs in a lot of cities, including

“London was starting to feel like somewhere that things were really happening... and East London was the epicentre”

‘nude modelling and bar work in Prague and book reviewing and kitchen work in Amsterdam’.

After graduating from New College, Oxford, he moved to Prague.

“I went wherever things were cheap and happening,” he explains. In the early 1990s, that was

the Czech Republic in the aftermath of the Velvet Revolution.

He says: “I had a dirt cheap apartment. I was writing and reading and taking in what was happening. At that point, Prague was a utopia and there was excitement in the air. The playwright

Vaclav Havel was running the country. You’d go to a club and the drummer, standing there with a spliff in his mouth, would be the minister of culture.”

Tom’s third book, ‘Men in Space’, is set in this world. Though published second, in 2007, it was in fact written first, before the writer moved on to Berlin and Amsterdam, returning to London in 1996.

“I was editing Mute Magazine in Shoreditch,

and by then, London was starting to feel like somewhere that things were really happening. The digital and tech industries were just beginning, and East London was the epicentre of all the change. Half of the YBAs [Young British Artists] were based in the same building as our magazine,” he says.

In the late 1990s, he founded the International Necronautical Society, an art group he describes as ‘semi-fictitious’.

“My art projects are really literary projects, they just take place in a gallery space instead of on the pages of a book,” he explains.

After his latest novel ‘Satin Island’ was published at the beginning of this year, he created an installation of the protagonist’s office in the Institute of Contemporary Art.

Tom says: “You could wander around and read his books, step into and touch a work of fiction.”

He also writes literary, philosophy and art criticism, including a book published in 2006 called ‘Tintin and the Secret of Literature’, and he has just been appointed visiting professor at the Royal College of Art.

Writing, teaching, making art... It may sound like a lot of disparate pursuits for one man but, says Tom: “They are all connected, each one helps me get on with the other. It’s all part of one weird feeding frenzy.”

Curriculum Vitae: Tom McCarthy

- 1969 Born in London
- 1999 Founds the International Necronautical Society
- 2001 Writes his first novel, ‘Remainder’ (published in 2005)
- 2006 Publishes ‘Tintin and the Secret of Literature’
- 2007 Publishes ‘Men in Space’
- 2010 Publishes ‘C’, which is shortlisted for the Booker Prize
- 2015 Publishes ‘Satin Island’, which is shortlisted for the Booker prize
- 2015 The film adaption of ‘Remainder’ is premiered

‘It’s all part of one weird feeding frenzy’

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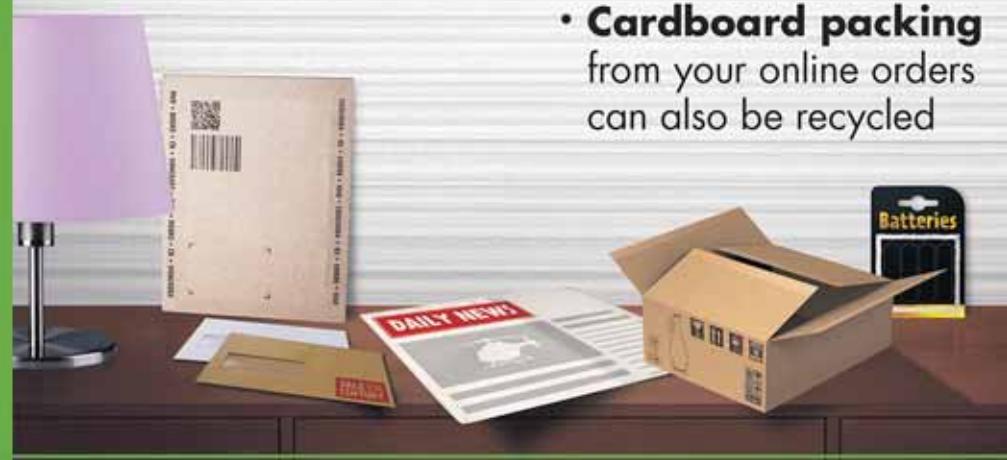
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Reach for the stars

Hackney schools have done well in two separate award schemes for promoting greener travel in the borough

HACKNEY schools have been given two separate accolades for promoting greener travel.

Transport for London's STARS (Sustainable Travel: Active, Responsible, Safe) awards encourage children, parents and teachers to adopt better ways of travelling to school through reducing car use, increasing walking and cycling, and encouraging more responsible behaviour when using public transport.

Tawhid Boys School, in Stoke Newington; Gayhurst Community School, in London Fields; Jubilee Primary School, in Stoke Newington; St Scholastica's Primary School, in Clapton; and Sir Thomas Abney

“The award demonstrates our commitment to promoting sustainable travel”

Primary School, in Stamford Hill were all deemed to be some of the best in London for promoting safe and active travel to school.

Usman Mapara, Headteacher of Tawhid Boys School, which picked up the best East London secondary school award, said: "This demonstrates our commitment to promoting sustainable travel and developing youngsters in becoming responsible, healthy citizens."

Gayhurst Community

School won the excellence for cycling award; Jubilee received the excellence for walking award; St Scholastica's took home the pupil-led excellence award; and Sir Thomas Abney Primary School was awarded the excellence for road safety prize.

Separately, STARS Europe (Sustainable Travel Accreditation and Recognition for Schools) saw 26 primaries and four secondaries in Hackney – nearly a third of all borough schools – gain bronze, silver

and gold accreditation, thanks to initiatives which aim to increase the number of pupils walking and cycling to and from school who had previously travelled by car.

STARS Europe, active in Hackney for the past two years, is a joint project with eight other European cities, and aims for a five per cent shift from car-use to walking or cycling.

Cllr Feryal Demirci, Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods and Sustainability, said: "I would like to congratulate all the schools who won awards and achieved accreditation for helping make Hackney a cleaner, greener and safer borough in which to travel."

News in brief



Life is plastic, it's fantastic

SOME 15 million plastic bottles are thrown away in Britain every single day, despite the fact they can be recycled into a range of surprising items.

To tackle this, 'Pledge 4 Plastics' – a national initiative aiming to boost recycling levels – has released a short animated video revealing the 'secret lives' of plastics after being recycled.

Alongside plastic bottles, the animation places a strong emphasis on plastic tubs, pots and trays. In Hackney, these items have the lowest 'capture rate' of all recyclable materials. Some 4,800 tonnes are thrown away every year instead of being recycled.

The animation shows a family recycling common place plastics as they go about their day, with the items making unexpected transformations. For example, Dad starts his recycling journey in the bathroom, where a shampoo bottle becomes a plastic chair.

Cllr Feryal Demirci, Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods, said: "Hackney currently recycles about 25 per cent of all its waste, but the majority of the rest thrown away by residents could also be recycled. We want people to think a little further than the kitchen and recycle items from other rooms."

Watch the video at: www.hackney.gov.uk/recycling



Pembury Estate residents stay in the loop with new upcycling service



To me, to you: The Loop Reuse Hub upskills residents on Pembury Estate and allows them to furnish their homes cheaply

AN innovative new 'reuse hub' has arrived in Hackney, one of just five in London.

The Loop, on the Pembury Estate, E5, aims to tackle the growing issue of fly tipping and to improve the local environment by collecting, refurbishing and redistributing unwanted items from the estate.

Part of the Repurpose project, run by Groundwork London and the London Community Resource Network, the service is free to all of the estate's residents, who can also receive training in DIY and upcycling, helping them to reuse items more effectively.

In Hackney, the scheme is being run in partnership

with the Peabody Trust. Its Director of Community Programmes, Veronica Kirwan, said the project was: "A remarkable initiative which not only enables our residents to furnish their homes, but discourages fly-tipping and trains our volunteers in useful skills."

The Loop accepts wooden furniture, clean

sofas and working white goods. It also has a free doorstep collection service, so local residents can donate their unwanted items. Once restored, these will be sold on at a reasonable price.

For more info, visit: www.theloops.london To arrange a collection, e-mail: pembury.reuse@groundwork.org.uk

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what's on

TOP FIVE

There's so much to do in and around Hackney. From theatre to club nights, art exhibitions to community events. Here's our pick of what's on this fortnight:

1. SO IT GOES...

Features new work from the Connor brothers' Pulp Fiction series

► See Art & Exhibitions

2. FESTIVE WREATH MAKING

A trained florist guides students through making a festive wreath

► See Courses

3. MIKE SKINNER & MS DYNAMITE

Mike Skinner and Ms Dynamite join forces to celebrate underground music

► See Nightlife

4. A CHRISTMAS NIGHT AT THE MUSICALS

Le Gateau Chocolat and Jonny Woo perform new takes on classics

► See Theatre & Live Entertainment

5. REBEL FOOTPRINTS TALK

Uncover London's radical history with author David Rosenberg

► See Noticeboard

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YOUNG PEOPLE

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A hall in 1630. Photo: Morley von Sternberg



PREVIEW

Christmas Past at the Geffrye

Until 3 January, 136 Kingsland Road, E2 8EA

WHAT did Christmas look like before online shopping and supermarket Santa's grottos?

The Geffrye Museum's annual celebration of Christmas through the ages sees its period living rooms decked in authentic garlands and lighting to illustrate our evolving obsession with the festive season over the past 400 years.

'Christmas Past: 400 Years of Seasonal Traditions in English Homes' has been staged at the museum for over 25 years, and the

Geffrye's own, on-going research into historic celebrations adds new dimensions to the displays each year.

Did you know, for example, that Christmas was banned in the mid-17th century by a Puritan parliament which disapproved of its excessive eating, drinking and gambling? Or that customary games of charades originate from early 19th century celebrations?

Pick up more festive facts, along with seasonal workshops, talks, and a concert by candlelight at the museum.

► For more info, visit: www.geffrye-museum.org.uk

also in what's on



NIGHTLIFE



HEALTH, FITNESS & SPORT



Clive Rowe as Dame Daisy Trott in Hackney Empire's pantomime 'Jack and the Beanstalk'

Events info can also be viewed
on the Council's website:
www.hackney.gov.uk/whatson

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SO IT GOES...

Until 6 Dec, 6-9pm

Features new work from the Connor Brothers' Pulp Fiction series. Canvas works and hand painted limited editions reflect their interest in how our understanding of the world is formed by the narratives we tell about it. Free. All ages. HangUp Gallery, 81 Stoke Newington Road, Stoke Newington, N16 8AD. Info: 020 3667 4550; www.hanguppictures.com/exhibition/the-connorbrothers-so-it-goes

HENS OF STAMFORD HILL

Until 31 Dec, 10am-6pm

This exhibition showcases handmade prints by local artist Sara McLaughlin. Techniques used include lino cut, monoprint, photo etching and collograph. Free entry.

Beaucatcher Salon, Stoke Newington Church Street, N16 0LU. Info: 07919 178 014; saramclaughlin57@yahoo.com

INFORMAL ARRANGEMENTS

Until 2 Jan, Tues-Sat, 10am-6pm

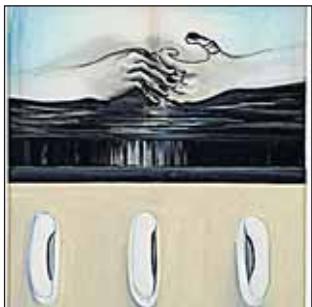
Michael Wolf juxtaposes an abstracted view of Hong Kong's seemingly endless industrial facades with an intimate perspective from within its hidden network of back alleys, in a series of photographs and sculptures. Free. All Ages. Flowers Gallery, 82 Kingsland Road, E2 8DP. Info: 020 7920 7777; www.flowersgallery.com



NOW IN REVERSE: AN AMNESIAC

3-20 Dec, various opening times

Chinese artist Yvonne Feng explores the subjects of loss, absence, presence, entrapment, and relationships. Derived from personal and fictional narratives, her drawings and paintings present absurd scenarios. Free. All ages. Hundred Years Gallery, 13 Pearson Street, E2 8JD. Info: 020 3602 7973; www.hundredyearsgallery.com/exhibition-now-in-reverse-yvonne-feng/



STOUR COLLECTIVE 2015

4 Dec-1 Feb, 9am-5pm

Stour Space gallery presents

a collective exhibition by studio residents over the past year. Expect a diverse range of practice, from fine art and illustrative work, to sculpture, fashion and videography. Free. All ages. Stour Space, 7 Roach Road, Hackney Wick, E3 2PA. Info: 020 8985 7827; www.stourspace.co.uk/event/stour-collective-2015/



CINEMA

Carol (15); Inside Out (U); Love 3D (18); Electric (tbc). Rio Cinema, 107 Kingsland High Street, Dalston, E8 2PB. Info: 020 7241 9410; mail@riocinema.org.uk; www.riocinema.ndirect.co.uk

RICH MIX

Steve Jobs (15); Spectre (12A); The Hunger Games: Mockingjay: Part 2 2D/3D (12A); The Lady In The Van

(12A); Black Mass (15); Snoopy & Charlie Brown: The Peanuts Movie (U). Rich Mix, 35-47 Bethnal Green Rd, E1 6LA. Info: 020 7613 7498; boxoffice@richmix.org.uk; www.richmix.org.uk

HACKNEY PICTUREHOUSE

Spectre (12A); Black Mass (15); Carol (15); Radiator (15); The Hunger Games: Mockingjay Part 2 (12A); Steve Jobs (15); The Lobster (15). Hackney Picturehouse, 270 Mare St, E8 1HE. Info: 0871 902 5734; hackney@picturehouses.co.uk; www.picturehouses.co.uk/cinema/hackney_picturehouse



COURSES

LIFE DRAWING

Every Mon, 7-9pm

Whether you are a complete beginner or a practicing artist, develop your drawing skills in a class with rotating male and female models, to offer diversity and set up new challenges each week. Materials included. Booking essential. £10. Ages 18+. The Russet, 17 Amhurst Terrace, E8 2BT. Info: catherinehall@asidebasidegallery.com; www.asidebasidegallery.com



GARMENT REPAIR TRAINING

Every Thurs, 10am-2pm

Learn how to repair garments using various methods in this weekly workshop. The training will enhance employment opportunities in jobs where clothing alteration skills are needed and can be economically beneficial. Free. All ages. London Coaching Foundation, 80 Eastway, E9 5JH. Buses 236 and 276 stop outside the venue. Info: 020 8510 9634; rainbow.hilda@yahoo.co.uk

ALL I BAKE IS LOVE

1, 2, 4, 8, 9 or 12 Dec, 10am-1pm

This three-hour workshop introduces the art of baking while building confidence preparing delicious cakes. £45. Ages 18+. Unit 24-25, The Forum, Independent Place, Shacklewell Lane, E8 2HE. Info: 020 7249 4542; Htea@live.co.uk; www.htea1.com

BAGS OF TASTE: COOKING ON A BUDGET

3, 10 & 17 Dec, 11am-1.30pm

Eat better for less and learn to cook delicious international recipes for less than £1 per portion, with a chance to buy all the ingredients for four meals (£3) at the end of the class. Dishes include Swedish meatballs, fajitas, fish curry, special fried rice and more. Register in advance. Free. Ages 18+. Whitmore Community Centre, 2-4 Phillip Street, Hoxton, N1 5NU. Info: 07923 248 586; info@bagsoftaste.org

FESTIVE WREATH MAKING

9 Dec, 5.30-7.30pm

A trained florist will guide students through making their own festive wreath. Materials included. Booking essential via phone or e-mail. £15/12 conc. All ages. Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. St Mary's Secret Garden, 50 Pearson Street, E2 8EL. Info: 020 7739 2965; [www.stmaryssecretgarden.org.uk](http://stmaryssecretgarden.org.uk)



CHRISTMAS GREENERY

11 & 12 Dec, from 1.30pm

Join the Geffrye gardeners to create a 17th century-inspired festive decoration with fresh greenery. The classes feature a short talk, workshop and materials. £50/45 conc. Adults 18+. Geffrye Museum, 136 Kingsland Road, E2 8EA. Info: bookings@geffrye-museum.org.uk; www.geffrye-museum.org.uk

Competition

Win tickets to Hoxton Hall's panto 'Snow White & the Seven Dwarves'



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tickets

HEIGH ho, heigh ho, it's off to work we go... Snow White and the Seven Dwarves' famous song seems an appropriate theme to bring the year to a close at Hoxton Hall, following a busy 12 months during which time the hall's £2million restoration was completed and it reopened to the public. In fact their production of this Christmas classic, which runs from 14 to 24 December, will be the first professional panto ever staged in the music hall's 150 year old history.

Luckily, Hackney Today has a pair of tickets to this landmark production to give away. Expect the usual sing-a-longs, silliness, enchanted mirrors, poisoned apples, wicked queens and handsome princes, but with a unique, East End twist. For more info and to book tickets visit: www.hoxtonhall.co.uk

For a chance of winning a pair of tickets, send a postcard to: Snow White competition, Hackney Today, 1st Floor, Maurice Bishop House, 17 Reading Lane, E8 1NN; or e-mail: htnews@hackney.gov.uk by 7 December. Entries must include a name, address and telephone number. Winners will be pulled out of a hat.

museum.org.uk/whatson/book-tickets



HEALTH, FITNESS & SPORT

HULAFIT WITH SHAKIRA

Every Mon, 6-7pm

Workout with a weighted hula-hoop to target the stomach, bottom and legs in a cardio-based class. Hoops provided. £6. Ages 16+. Haggerston Secondary School, Weymouth Terrace, E2 8LS. **Info:** shakira@hulafitwithshakira.co.uk; www.hulafitwithshakira.co.uk



DIRTY BOXING CLUB

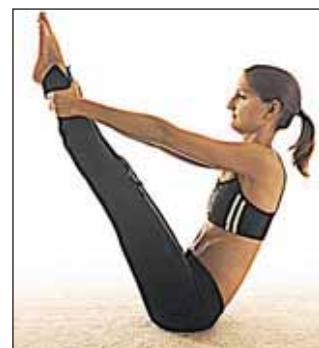
Every Wed, 6-7.30pm

Specialist exercise class for women offering self defence techniques combined with boxing and fitness training. £6.50. Ages 16+. Sports Centre, Falkirk Street, N1 6HF. **Info:** enquiries@coreorganisation.co.uk; www.coreorganisation.co.uk

PILATES

3, 10 & 13 Dec, 8-9pm

Through a variety of exercises, correct physical imbalances, whilst improving posture and core stability. Suitable for all levels. £6. Elite Evolution, Hindle House, Arcola Street, E8 2DZ. **Info:** [07984 966 964](07984966964); Labi@elite-evolution.co.uk; www.elite-evolution.com/classes/



RELAXATION AND MEDITATION

8, 15 & 22 Dec, 5-6pm

Explore various techniques for wellbeing starting with gentle Tai Chi movements to loosen tight shoulders and warm up stiff backs. Followed by seated meditation and relaxation exercises. Free. All ages. Finding Space, St Joseph's Hospice, Mare Street, E8 4SA. **Info:** [020 8525 3144](02085253144); www.stjh.org.uk/event/relaxation-and-meditation-class



NIGHTLIFE

MIKE SKINNER & MS DYNAMITE

4 Dec, 9pm-4am

Two bona fide legends from the UK scene, spanning hip-hop, grime and UK garage, Mike Skinner and Ms. Dynamite join forces to celebrate underground music. Supported by Rinse FM's Yasmin, while DJ crew Shorebitch takes charge in room 2. £15.40. Ages 18+. XOYO, 32-37 Cowper Street, Shoreditch, EC2A 4AP. **Info:** info@xoyo.co.uk; www.xoyo.co.uk/events/MIKE-SKINNER-M-1/index.html

LOVEBOX PRESENTS EAST MEETS: ROBERT JOHNSON FRANKFURT

6 Dec, from 5pm

German nightclub Robert Johnson takes over this Dalston venue with headline sets from its founder DJ ATA, resident DJ Benedikt Frey, plus appearances from Bobby Pleasure and Hot Blood. As part of Lovebox Festival's season of parties by iconic club nights. £7.50-13. Ages 18+. Dance Tunnel, 95 Kingsland High Street, E8 2PB. **Info:** [020 7249 7865](02072497865); dance@dancetunnel.com; www.dancetunnel.com/listings/383-east.html

GROTTO OUTRE- A VERY DIFFERENT TYPE OF CHRISTMAS

8 & 11 Dec, 6.30-11.30pm

Experience a different type of Christmas with an adult-only grotto wonderland. Enter an ice cave, watch entertainment from acrobatics to fire

breathing, and party till late. £30. Ages 18+. Canvas One The Back Building, 148-150 Curtain Road, Shoreditch, EC2A 3AR. **Info:** www.grottooutre.com/events/



CHILL FAM

12 Dec, 1pm-3am

Grime legend DJ Spooky Bizzle, DJ Spanks and more get set to play the biggest grime, rap and electronic floor fillers. £3/5/8/MOTD. Ages 18+ The Macbeth of Hoxton, 70 Hoxton Street, N1 6LP. **Info:** [020 7749 0600](02077490600); www.themacbeth.co.uk

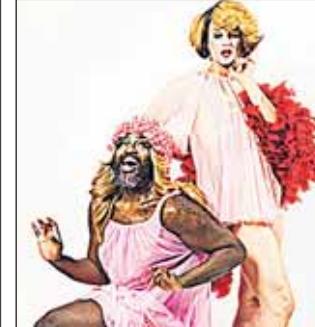
REAL LOVE

17 Dec, 8pm-2am

London DJs 'join the dots and decades of R&B' working their way from 1980s roots and 1990s classics, through to noughtie's neo soul and modern hits. Free before 10pm/£3/5. Ages 18+. The Book Club. **Info:** [020 7684 8618](02076848618); www.wearetbc.com/whats-on/real-love-joining-the-dots-decades-of-rb-2/



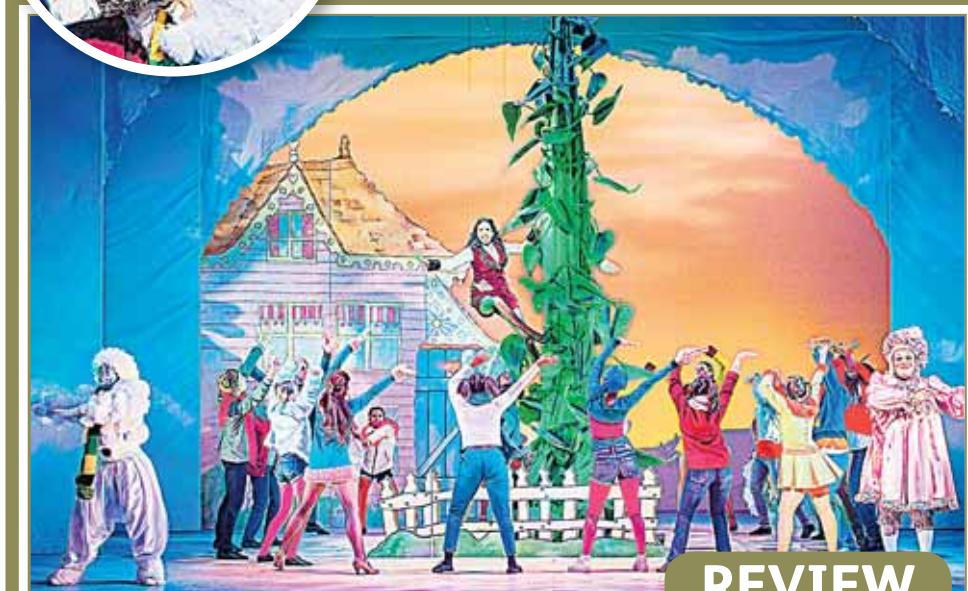
THEATRE & LIVE ENTERTAINMENT



A CHRISTMAS NIGHT AT THE MUSICALS

9 Dec, from 8.30pm

Olivier award-winning performer Le Gateau Chocolat and The Glory's alternative drag superstar Jonny Woo perform new takes on old classics



REVIEW

Jack and the Beanstalk

Until 3 Jan, Hackney Empire, 291 Mare Street, E8 1EJ

FEE, fi, fo, FUN! Hackney's panto is number one. This year's festive treat 'Jack and the Beanstalk' is on a giant scale: big personalities, vast voices and colossal skirts. It is the winter of discontent: Hackney Dale has been plunged into a frozen world – both economically and literally – for 15 years. Worrying reports from Channel 4's Jon Snow and the BBC's Robert Peston (yes, really!) are screened across the auditorium, warning of more cuts, misery and cold. Sounds familiar?

Luckily for all involved, Mother Nature (played charmingly by Julia Sutton) knows what lies at the root of this hardship – the Giant Blundebore is angry and needs someone 'with a big heart' to talk sense into him before it is too late...

This is where Jack (Debbie Kurup) and his gang – the Snowman (Kat B), Clumsy Colin (Darren Hart) and Off Her Trolley Molly (Georgia Oldman) – come in. They have been chosen to save Hackney Dale from the big

freeze gripping the land. Jack's widowed mother is none other than the fabulous Clive Rowe – who returns to Hackney for the second year running – as the grande panto dame Daisy Trott. Rowe steals the show. He has the unique ability to connect with both adults and children, and a voice as big as his skirts. Throughout Susie McKenna's slick production, the cast are full of beans, belting out a mixture of well-known pop songs to keep everyone bopping in their seats, and some catchy original numbers by Steven Edis. The second half of the play is where most of the action takes place: a series of slapstick mishaps occur, which the children in the audience love, as well as enough double entendres and one-liners to keep adults amused too.

In the year the Empire was voted London's 'most welcoming theatre', we just want to say: Hackney Empire, we're behind you!

To book, visit: www.hackneyempire.co.uk

including 'White Christmas', 'The Sound of Music' and 'The Wizard of Oz'. £10-20. The Glory, 281 Kingsland Road, Haggerston, E2 8AS. **Info:** [020 7684 0794](02076840794); www.theglory.co/events/a-christmas-night-at-the-musicals

CHRISTMAS JUMPERS THEATRE NIGHT

9 Dec, from 7pm

Don your Christmas jumper and join in an evening of short plays and festive fun, raising money for the Text Santa campaign in support of 22 charities. £5.50. Ages 21+. Ryan's bar, 181 Stoke Newington Church Street, N16 0UL. **Info:** www.lipschoir.org

christmasjumpers2015@gmail.com; christmasjumpers2015.wordpress.com

TOTAL ECLIPSE OF THE YEAR

11 & 12 Dec, from 6.45pm

All-female choir Lips, look back at the events of 2015 by welcoming guests including comedian Josie Long and Felicity Ward for a live show. Join in the audience sing-along and added extras such as hot food, bar, games, poetry and a photo booth. £2.50-13.50. All ages. St John-at-Hackney Church, Lower Clapton Road, E5 0PD. **Info:** www.lipschoir.org

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WING-IT SINGERS

13 Dec, 6-8pm

Cappella choir Wing-It Singers deliver a festive concert of unaccompanied songs from around the world. There will also be complimentary mince pies and mulled wine from the bar. Tickets allow free admission before the concert to view Sutton House. £10/8/ free for under 16s. All ages. Sutton House, 2 & 4 Homerton High Street, E9 6JQ. **Info:** <07505609757>; info@shms.org.uk; www.shms.org.uk

A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S

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PREVIEW

Spitalfields Music Winter Festival

4-15 December, various East London venues

THE Spitalfields Music Festival is something of a misnomer. The event encompasses 12 days of film screenings, historic walks, workshops and dining events alongside its programme of live music.

Neither is the action confined to Spitalfields. This year, the festival is taking over some of East London's most magical spaces, many of them in Hackney.

Hotly anticipated highlights include an opening night concert at Shoreditch Church by the viol consort Fretwork and vocal ensemble Red Byrd. Through a series of 'sound portraits', it promises to bring 16th-century London to life with bawdy songs and street sounds (pictured).

Spitalfields Music's flagship series for babies and toddlers is returning to Rich Mix on 4 and 5 December. Musical Rumpus is

an interactive, multisensory performance, featuring live music for the under-threes. Their latest show, Lyrebird features original music by the company's musical director, Sam Glazier, and librettist Zoe Palmer. Back at Shoreditch Church, you can catch The Marion Consort on 14 December. This young, dynamic and internationally renowned vocal ensemble specialise in early music.

The small instrumental ensemble Solomon's Knot Baroque Collective, meanwhile, will make their festival debut fresh from their sold-out operatic show at Wilton's Music Hall. On 15 December they are closing the programme at Shoreditch Church with a performance of Bach's Christmas Oratorio. For full details and to book tickets visit: www.spitalfieldsmusic.org.uk; or call: 020 7377 1362.

DREAM

14-19 Dec, 7.30pm

When four young lovers escape to the woods, they find themselves embroiled in a battle of wills between the fairy king and queen. Blending cabaret, drag, spoken word and music with Shakespeare's original words, this play offers a darkly comedic meditation on love and relationships in the 21st century. £12/10 conc. Ages 16+. Arcola Theatre, 24 Ashwin Street, E8 3DL. Info: 020 7503 1646; www.arcolatheatre.com



TWELFTH NIGHT

20 Dec, from 7.30pm

Shakespeare's comedy full of music, trickery and deception comes to this Hoxton venue. With twins separated by a shipwreck, a cross-dressing heroine and everyone in search of love, Twelfth Night is one of the Bard's most famous and tangled love stories. £14/11 conc. All ages. The Courtyard Theatre, Bowring Green Walk, 40 Pitfield Street, N1 6EU. Info: 0844 477 1000; www.thecourtyard.org.uk/whatson/642/twelfth-night



CHRISTMAS AT THE ARCELORMITTAL ORBIT
Until 3 Jan, 12noon-4pm

Families can enjoy an array of festive-themed arts and craft activities. Make cards, tree decorations, a penguin helter-skelter and snowflakes. Plus there's a High Tea at 80 metres above the London city skyline. Materials provided. Weekends only. £5-26. All ages. ArcelorMittal Orbit, 3 Thornton Street, Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, E20 2AD. Info: 0333 800 8099; www.arcelormittalorbit.com/christmas

DREAM, ACT & INSPIRE

2 Dec, 7-10pm

Residents, organisations and businesses in Hackney are invited to join an evening of social entrepreneurship with exhibitions, networking and practical advice. Take advantage of a package of support including cash, expert help and one-to-one guidance. Includes refreshments and

entertainment. Free. Ages 18-35 Years. Rich Mix, 35-47, Bethnal Green Road, E1 6LA. Info: 07951 152 786; www.youngunltd.org.uk

FLAVOURS OF THE WORLD

2, 9 & 16 Dec, 6-8pm

Learn to cook and enjoy dishes from all over the world, as well as gaining new skills and accessing healthy eating advice. Free. Ages 16+. Banister House Community Hall, E9 6BP. Info: 020 7033 8529; www.shoreditchtrust.org.uk



BABY BROADWAY - CHRISTMAS SPECIAL

15 Dec, 10.30-11.15am

Enjoy singing well-known songs from Annie, Mary Poppins, Frozen and more, as well as some Christmas numbers. Fancy dress is encouraged and mince pies will be on offer. Booking essential. £10 adults, children ages 0-5 free. Tickets odd subject to availability. The Old Church, Stoke Newington Church Street, N16 9ES. Info: www.babybroadway.co.uk



FESTIVE BOOK SALE

3 Dec, 11am-3pm

Global human rights charity Amnesty International hosts

a book sale with hundreds of second-hand books all priced at £1. There will also be Christmas cards and other festive treats on offer, including cake and carols. Amnesty International, 17-25 New Inn Yard, EC2A 3EA. Info: books@amnesty.org.uk; www.amnesty.org.uk/events/amnesty-booksale-and-amnestea

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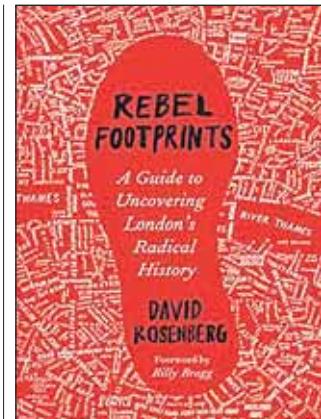
6 Dec, 2-8pm

Join community music all-day, Acoustic Sunday, for an afternoon of festive vibes with live performances from folk and electronic bands, an open-mic session, street food, a Christmas craft pop-up and bar. All ages. St Peters Church Northchurch, N1 4DA. Info: admin@soundadviceuk.com; www.soundadviceuk.com/acoustic-sundays/next-event

REBEL FOOTPRINTS TALK

10 Dec, 6-7.30pm

Uncover London's radical history with stories of trailblazing chartists, suffragettes, pacifists and anti-fascists with author David Rosenberg as he talks about his new book, 'Rebel Footprints'. Booking essential. Free. Ages 14+. Education Room, CLR James Library and Hackney Archives, Dalston Square, E8 3BQ. Info: 020 8356 8925; archives@hackney.gov.uk; www.hackneyhistory.org



MOSSBOURNE VICTORIA PARK ACADEMY FAIR

12 Dec, 12noon-3pm

Try food and drink, craft stalls, games, live music, raffle draw (2pm) and a Christmas photo booth at Mossbourne Academy's first winter fair. £1 entry fee. Free for under 18s. All ages. Victoria Park Road, (entrance from Well Street Common/Lammas Walk), E9 7HD. Info: mvpafundraising@gmail.com; www.facebook.com/MVPFriendsGroup/

CHRISTMAS GALA CONCERT

12 Dec, 7.30pm

Enjoy the choir sing Broadway-style seasonal favourites such as 'Let It Snow' and traditional carols with guest soloists. Accompanied by a 16-piece band and brass ensemble. £10/ seniors £9/ under 18s £5. Ages 8+. St Marys Church, Stoke Newington Church Street, N16 9ES. Info: www.tottenhamhingers.com

what's on

Important information for submissions

To submit your listing to What's On for publication in Hackney Today and on the Council website, fill in the e-form at: www.hackney.gov.uk/whatson

Please see the guidance notes on the website for further information.

We reserve the right to edit any material. No submission is guaranteed a listing.

Competitions



Hackney Today offered readers a chance to win Romeo & Juliet tickets in issue 367.

The lucky winner was L Pijule-Balmer, E9.

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1. Millfields Community School pupils tap in on the special 'beat box'; 2. Millfields win the competition; 3. Baden Powell School come second



Beating the street

AHACKNEY school has won £1,500 and praise for its part in making East London 'a healthier place'.

Millfields Community School, E5, came first in the Beat the Street competition that involved 22,969 people in Hackney, Newham, Waltham Forest and Tower Hamlets walking and cycling a total of 103,958 miles. Special 'beat boxes' were placed around the boroughs, for competitors to tap in and record the distances they covered.

Millfields students racked

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up 3,597 miles during the challenge, making them overall winners.

Heidi Cacciopoli, Senior Administration Officer at Millfields, said: "The children have loved participating in Beat the Street. Many were seen riding their bikes and scooters around Hackney and Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park on the

weekends trying to tap as many boxes as possible.

"They have also enjoyed competing with each other. The children have definitely been walking more and encouraging their families to walk more as well."

Millfields was awarded with a trophy and cheque for £1,000, as well as an additional £500 for coming second on the average

points leaderboard.

Baden Powell School, also in Hackney, won £500 for coming second on the overall leaderboard.

The competition was organised by the National Charity Partnership, an initiative between Diabetes UK, BHF and Tesco to help millions of people eat better and get active, reducing the risk of serious ill-health.

Jenna Hall, Programme Director, said: "We hope everyone will now be enthused to carry on walking, cycling or taking part in the other physical activities the area has."

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News in brief

Hackney teenager represents England in debating contest

A HACKNEY teenager has become only the fourth state school pupil ever to be selected to represent England in an international debating competition.

Ife Grillo, a student at The Bridge Academy, E2, has been announced as one of five teens who will compete for their country at the World Schools Debating Championships next summer.

He joins teammates from prestigious private schools Eton, Dulwich, Alleyn's and Westminster.

Ife, however, starting debating through a charity called Debate Mate which works in underprivileged areas around the UK to close the attainment gap between state and privately educated students.

Ife, a former member of Hackney Youth Parliament, said he fell in love with debating because it makes you consider arguments from different angles. He said: "When you are forced to debate things you may not agree with, you have to begin to understand why other people hold different views from you. I think it's helped me become a much more socially conscious person."

The five young debaters now face six months of training sessions before flying to Stuttgart, Germany, in July to compete against students from around the world.

Ife added: "I was shocked to find out I made the England Team. I've been debating for so long and it feels great to be recognised for it."

For more info on Debate Mate, visit: debatemate.com; or call: 020 7922 8007.



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Hackney charity asks for children's books to create new library in Zambia



A HACKNEY charity hopes to open a library in Zambia, filled with books



donated by local children.

Since 2006, the Book Bus has taken over 90,000 books to children in Ecuador, Malawi and Zambia. Its latest library is due to open at the start of next year, but the charity has a shortage of pre-school and picture books for children under six. It is therefore calling on the borough's primary

schools for help.

To join the 'Christmas Book Drop for Zambia' campaign, schools simply fill a big box with books that are in a good condition. The charity will collect the donations before the Christmas holidays and send them to Zambia.

Head of International Development at the Book Bus, Marian Forkin, said:

"It would be fantastic if the generous children of Hackney can help share their books with the children of Zambia. Being able to read is a human right, but it's difficult to learn how to read if you don't have any books."

For more info, or to donate, visit: thebookbus.org; or call: 020 8099 9280.



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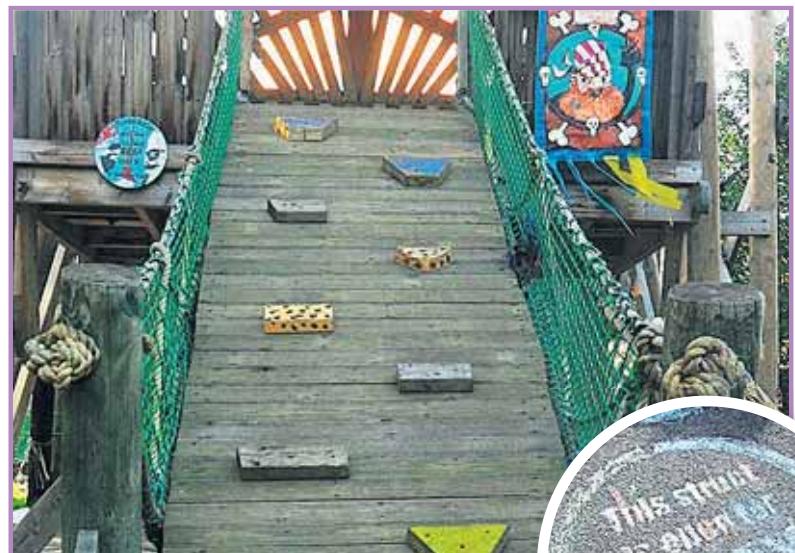
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Hackney plays it right

THE borough's facilities for young people has won praise at the London Adventure Play Awards.

Some 120 children from adventure playgrounds, schools and play streets across London gathered at the Prince Charles Cinema in the West End on 28 October, to hear Hackney Marsh Adventure Playground named '2015 London Adventure Playground of the Year'.

Melian Mansfield, chair of London Play, the charity behind the awards,

“Playgrounds like Hackney Marsh are doing a fantastic job with few resources”

said: "With a quarter of London's children living in overcrowded homes, and one in five overweight or obese, space and opportunity to play is vital.

"Playgrounds like Hackney Marsh are doing a fantastic job with few resources. We hope that these awards make more people understand how valuable these places are and

act to protect them."

Anisa, nine, agreed that Hackney Marsh was a special place. She said: "You get to be as creative as you want, you can make new friends, there is plenty to do, and you can never be tired of doing it."

The award will mean a new structure for the playground, designed and built by London-based

firm Adventure Playground Engineers with the help of local children, and £500 worth of free materials.

There was more celebration as Whiston Road, in Haggerston, was named joint 'London Play Street of the Year' along with Islington's Fairbridge Road. Each road won £250 to fund an on-street celebration.

MORE INFO

For more on Hackney's playgrounds, visit: www.hackney.gov.uk/parks-play-areas

News in brief

Big profits for young Hackney market traders in Ridley Road

By Dila Tumer

AN EDUCATIONAL enterprise challenge gave would-be market traders from Hackney the chance to gain an insight into business.

A group of 10 to 13-year-olds, working with charity MyBnk and hosted by IntoUniversity, took their ideas from the planning stage to securing finance via an interest-free micro loan, to getting a stall at Ridley Road Market up and running in four days.

They produced their own Halloween-themed t-shirts and masks and offered a spooky face painting service. The students were able to use their new skills to make a 100 per cent profit from an £80 loan.

Doga Erten, 12, said: "I think we should do it again because I had so much fun."

Experts from education charity MyBnk taught the young people how to design and market products, write business plans and control budgets.

Lucy Manders, Senior Education Worker at Into University, said: "I thought it was excellent. It teaches young people not only about business, but also about teamwork, determination and confidence."

Lilly Lappena, Co-CEO of MyBnk, added: "Young people not only learnt vital employability skills, they used their new business smarts to make big profits."

The project was funded by the Big Lottery. For more info, or to book a workshop, e-mail: declan@mybnk.org; or call: 020 7377 8770.



Young designers celebrate creating historic gowns

By Dila Tumer

ASPIRING designers saw their creations come to life at an exhibition at the London College of Fashion, in Mare Street, on

14 November.

A dozen young designers joined a 10-week course to create two gowns inspired by clothing from the 1800s, which then went on display. The costume making course also included talks on the history of muslin.

The Jamdani Project, a collaborative effort between the college and

charity Muslin Trust, was

set up in 2013 with the aim of promoting and protecting Bangladeshi heritage fabrics. The finest muslin, from that region, was made from a variety of cotton, which is now believed to be extinct.

Participant Tayeb Grace said: "I really enjoyed the course, met lots of interesting people and

learnt that the back stitch is the most secure stitch."

Saif Osmani, Creative Director of Muslin Trust, added: "It's great to see real talent shine through from the collective effort of all the young students. The garments look really amazing. We have already had some interest to show them around London and in Asia."



Don't let mould move into your home!

Eight steps to prevent mould and condensation

- Wipe down surfaces where moisture settles
- Cover boiling pans when cooking
- Open windows a small amount or use extractor fans when cooking
- Open windows for a while each day and use vents
- It is important not to block air vents
- Avoid drying clothes directly on radiators
- Allow air to circulate around furniture
- Draught proofing will keep your home warm



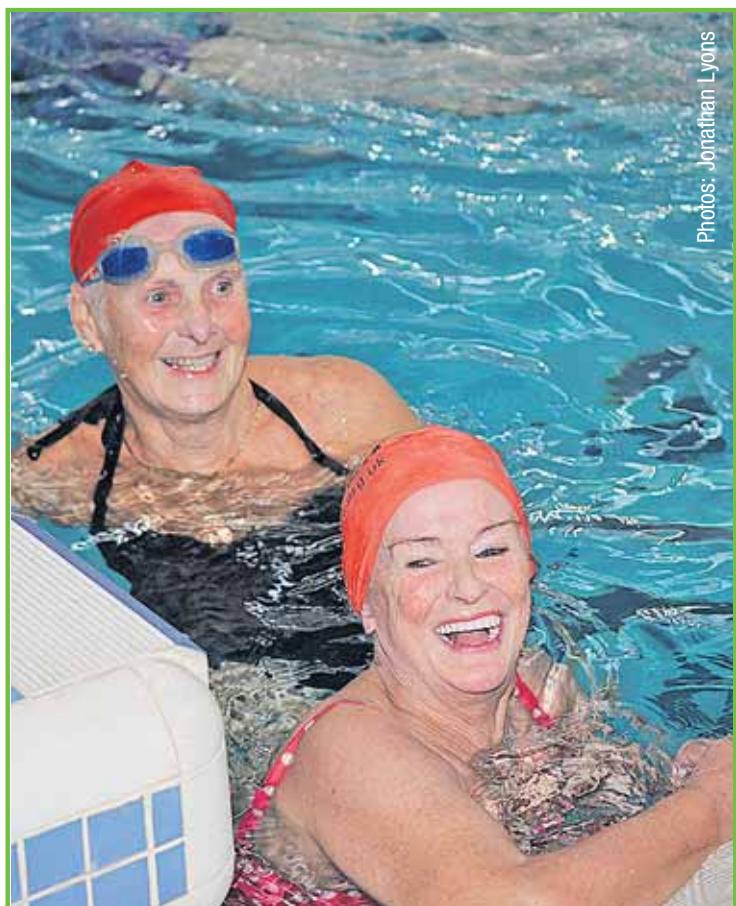
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If you suspect leaking pipes or other forms of damp, call the repairs contact centre on: 020 8356 3691

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These stories were compiled with the help of Homerton University Hospital, City & Hackney Clinical Commissioning Group & East London NHS Foundation Trust



Photos: Jonathan Lyons



The Dementia Friendly Swimming Project was launched at Clissold Leisure Centre earlier this month; swimmers Helen O'Malley and Annie Mangion

Swim with dementia

An award-winning project that helps people living with dementia enjoy the benefits of swimming has launched in Hackney.

The Dementia Friendly Swimming Project, which was piloted in Durham and Manchester, opened on 19 November in Clissold Leisure Centre.

Swimming helps reduce anxiety by clearing the mind and relaxing the body. It also offers important opportunities for people to socialise, reducing feelings of loneliness and isolation.

The expansion of the project, which has been recognised at the Alzheimer's Society Dementia Awards 2015 and the Spirit of Manchester Awards, was launched at the Clissold pool with Sports Minister Tracey Crouch; Cllr Jonathan McShane, Hackney's Cabinet Member for Health, Social Care

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The government hopes to create over 100 dementia-friendly pools

and Culture; as well as representatives from the ASA (Amateur Swimming Association) and Alzheimer's Society.

Cllr McShane said: "This is an excellent initiative for people in Hackney that will see individuals presented with a new way to boost mental wellbeing, while fulfilling an activity that can bring with it a real sense of achievement."

Dementia is one of the key health challenges facing society today, with around 670,000 people in England living with dementia, and an estimated 550,000 carers.

Adam Paker, Chief Executive of the ASA, said: "Over the next two years we want to create a network of over 100 dementia-friendly pools that are safe and welcoming for all, ensuring that no one

living with dementia misses out on being able to enjoy swimming and the many health and social benefits that it offers."

Research shows that low-impact exercise can help to improve the quality of life for people in all stages of dementia, and that swimming in particular has the added benefits of helping to reduce anxiety, improve a person's mood and offers an overall sense of physical and mental well-being.

The three-year project is supported by the Department of Health's Innovation, Excellence and Strategic Development Fund, which aims to create a network of more than 100 dementia-friendly pools.

MORE INFO

 To find out more about the project, including how to become a partner, visit: www.swimming.org/DementiaFriendly

News in brief

Reminder to call out-of-hours GP service over Christmas

WITH winter firmly here, and the festive season on its way, residents are being reminded about when to use the borough's out-of-hours GP service.

The City and Hackney Urgent Healthcare Social Enterprise (CHUHSE) service is available to residents who need to speak to a doctor urgently and can't wait until their surgery is next open, but it's not a 999 emergency.

It is staffed by qualified doctors who can advise on treating people safely at home if appropriate, or who can arrange an emergency appointment if needed. People can call on weekdays between 6.30pm and 8am, and all day on weekends and bank holidays. The service will be open throughout the Christmas period for urgent medical advice. Dr Victoria Holt, CHUHSE Medical Director, said: We know, that even with the best preparation, a few people will need to speak to a GP urgently when their doctor's surgery is closed. We can provide expert advice and help patients

to decide on the best course of action."

CHUHSE is open from 6.30pm to 8am, Monday to Friday, and all day on weekends and bank holidays. Call: 020 8185 0545; or visit: www.chuhse.com



Film about cerebral palsy made by young residents

A GROUND-breaking short film, which was made in Hackney and explores life with cerebral palsy, has been released with a premiere in the borough.

The eight-minute film called 'Cerebral People' features teenagers explaining, in their own words, their experiences of the condition and their hopes for the future. It was made through a project run by the physiotherapy and occupational therapy departments at Hackney Ark, a centre for children and young people with special needs and disabilities.

Catherine Lomas, a physiotherapist at the centre, explained: "The young people were encouraged to take part in different exercises and to create content to communicate their thoughts and explore their diagnosis." The red carpet screening was held at Headway East London on 19 November and the film is now available to view online. To watch 'Cerebral People', visit: bit.ly/cerebralpeople



Using your local health services over the winter



Don't just go to hospital – if you feel unwell there are many ways to get advice or treatment.

Self-care

Hangover, sore throat, coughs, colds

- The best place for you is at home in the warm - rest and drink plenty of non-alcoholic fluids
- Plan ahead - stock up on plasters, paracetamol, aspirin and indigestion remedies

Your local pharmacy

Diarrhoea, painful cough, headache, other minor ailments, emergency contraceptives

- Your local pharmacist can give you expert, confidential advice and treatment for a range of minor illnesses or injuries – some of them are open every day of the holiday and you do not need an appointment
- Plan ahead - ask your local pharmacy about their opening times, find out online at www.cityandhackneyccg.nhs.uk

Your GP

Ear pain, back ache, vomiting, depression, long-term conditions (e.g. diabetes, asthma)

- Make sure you are registered with a City & Hackney GP. Visit www.nhs.uk to find your local surgery
- Your GP is the first place to go to for illnesses that won't go away
- For urgent appointments call as early as you can, for non-urgent appointments book a week ahead
- You can ask for a same-day telephone consultation with a doctor
- Plan ahead - make sure you have enough prescribed medicines to last you over holiday time

Out of hours GPs

If your GP surgery is closed but you need to speak to a doctor urgently, you can call Hackney's out of hours GP service, CHUHSE, on **020 8185 0545**. They will be able to offer you advice or, if required, arrange an urgent appointment. Open 6.30pm – 8am on weekdays and all day on weekends and public holidays.

NHS 111

You feel you need medical help or advice fast but are unsure what to do and don't think it's a 999 emergency

- Call if you don't have a GP, can't access a GP or don't know who else to call
- The service is available 24 hours a day by calling 111
- The service can also help you if you need a repeat prescription filled urgently when your local pharmacy is closed
- You will speak to a trained adviser, supported by nurses and paramedics, who will talk you through your symptoms and advise on what to do next

Homerton Hospital

Accident and Emergency - choking, severe chest pain, bleeding that won't stop, loss of consciousness, struggling to breathe, stroke

- Provides urgent treatment for serious, life-threatening conditions all day, every day
- Get there yourself if you can, but call **999** for an ambulance if someone is too ill to move, can't breathe or you don't have quick access to transport

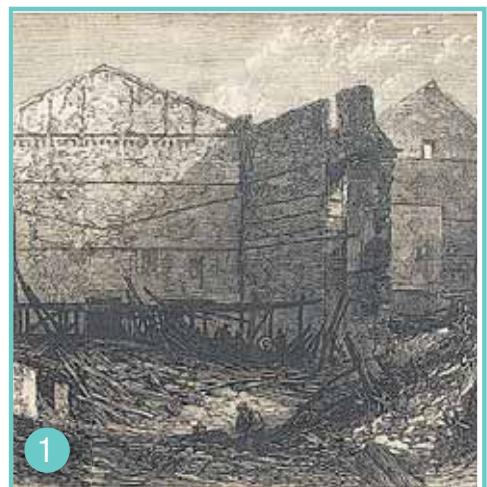
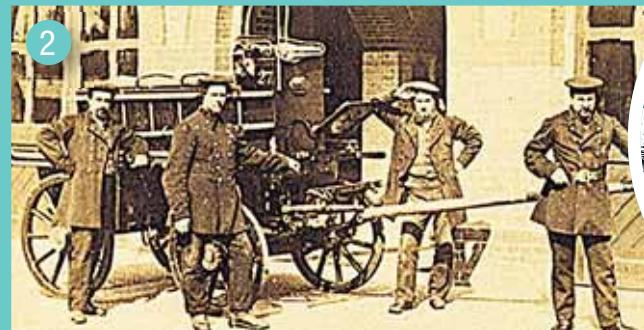
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You have an urgent dental problem and your usual dental practice is closed

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By Rebecca Odell

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They were eventually replaced in Hackney by horse-drawn engines. When an alarm was raised firemen would take the first horse from a taxi to pull the engine to the fire. Very often however, horses refused to

move, and firemen had to continue down the road testing each horse, until one obedient enough was found. Meanwhile, Charles Clarke wrote, the abandoned taxi would attract gangs of small boys. "When the doors have been almost wrenched off their hinges and the wheels wrenched off their axles there would come a warning shout from a boy scout,



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Despite this, by 1882 Hackney parish brigade would become famous as the best in London. They had up-to-date equipment; five first rate, modern, two horse engines, complete with all the latest appliances, and the borough also rented two fire escapes from the Fire Escape Society. The service now had nine men, including a full-time chief and deputy who had previously been in the Metropolitan Brigade.

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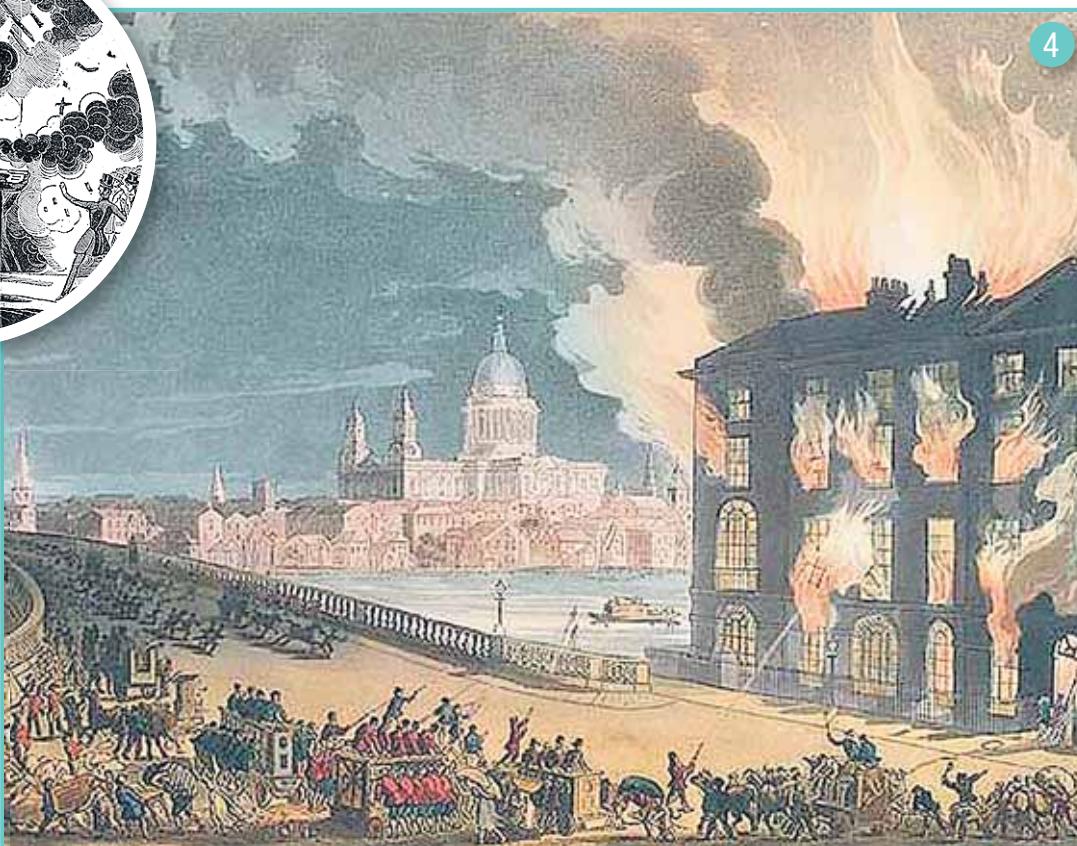
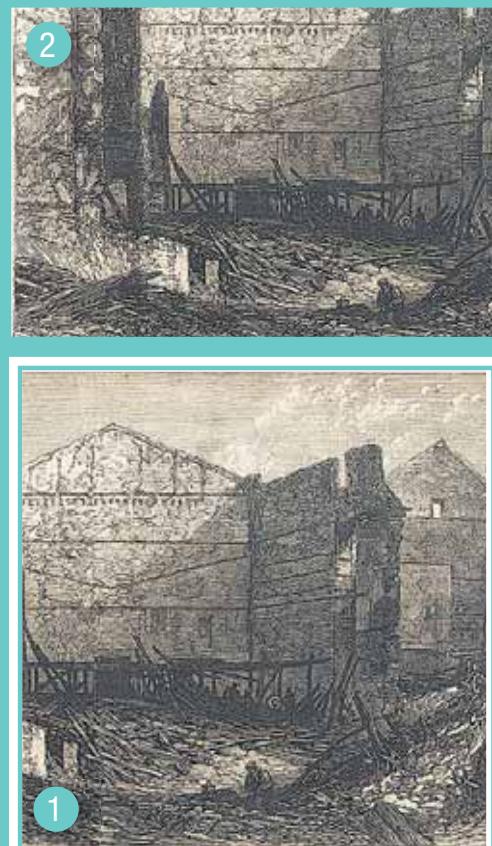
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The Mayor and councillors

Councillors are elected by Hackney residents and serve for four years. The last borough elections took place in May 2014.

Councillors have a range of responsibilities, including helping to oversee the Council and

its services. They hold advice surgeries where residents can meet their local representative and ask them to take up issues that may be of concern. Generally they can help with Council related matters, but if the issue is the

responsibility of another person or organisation, councillors can often point people in the right direction and tell residents who they need to see. Hackney has 57 councillors representing areas called wards – see map below.



Hackney has an executive Mayor, Jules Pipe, who is not a councillor, but is directly elected by the entire borough. The Mayor is the political leader of the Council, overseeing the budget and all Council services. Civic and ceremonial duties are undertaken by the Speaker of Hackney who is elected annually from among the borough's 57 councillors. The current Speaker is Cllr Sade Etti.

1. BROWNSWOOD

Cllr Brian Bell
1st Thurs each month
7-8pm, The Kings Crescent Estate Community Centre, Queens Drive, N4 2XD.

Cllr Clare Potter
2nd Sat each month
10.30-11.30am, Azalea Court Community Hall, Alexandra Mews, N4 2LB.

Cllr Ian Sharer
1st & 3rd Thurs each month
10.30-11.30am, North London Muslim Community Centre, 68 Cazenove Road, N16 6AA.

Cllr Abraham Jacobson
2nd Wed each month
6.30-7.15pm, North London Muslim Community Centre, 68 Cazenove Road, N16 6AA.

Cllr Sade Etti
1st & 3rd Thurs each month
10.30-11.30am, North London Muslim Community Centre, 68 Cazenove Road, N16 6AA.

Cllr Michael Desmond, Anna-Joy Rickard & Rick Muir
1st Sun each month
11am-12noon, Luncheon Club, 19 Olympus Square, E5. No surgery on 3 January

Cllr Rickard & Muir
2nd Sun each month
11am-12noon, Landfield Community Hall, Landfield Estate, Clapton, E5 8QZ. Call: 07875 546 155.

4th Sun each month
Roving surgery.

Cllr Sophie Cameron, Ned Hercock & Sade Etti
1st Mon each month
(on a rota basis)
6.30-7.30pm, Stoke Newington Library, Stoke Newington Church Street, N16 0JS.

3rd weekend each month
Roving surgery. All clrs.

Contact these clrs on: clissold@hackney.gov.uk; or: 020 8356 3373.

Cllrs Soraya Adejare & Peter Snell
(on a rota basis)
1st Thurs & 3rd Fri each month
6.30-7.30pm, Dalston CLR James Library, Dalston Square, London, E8 3BQ.

2nd Sat each month
3-4pm, Dalston CLR James Library, Dalston Square, E8 3QB.

Cllrs Barry Buitekant, Jonathan McShane & Ann Munn
(on a rota basis)
1st Thurs each month
6-7pm, Haggerston Community Centre, 8 Lovelace Street, E8 4FF.

3rd Fri each month
10-11am, Fellows Court Community Centre, Weymouth Terrace, E2 8LR.

3rd Sat each month
10-11am, Regents Pensioners Hall, 33 Brougham Rd, E8 4PD.

Cllrs Laura Bunt & James Peters
(on a rota basis)
2nd Sat each month
11am-12noon, café in the precinct behind the Rose Lipman Building, Trinity Court, De Beauvoir Estate (off Downham Road), N1.

Contact Cllr Peters on: james.peters@hackney.gov.uk; or: 07748 629 977.

Contact Cllr Bunt via members services on: 020 8356 3373.

Cllrs Robert Alan Chapman, Guy Nicholson, Sally Mulready
1st Fri each month
Roving surgery with all Homerton clrs. Contact for further details. Cllr Chapman Call: 07821 330 532.

Cllr Nicholson
3rd Fri each month
6.30-7.30pm, Banister House Community Hall, Homerton High Street, E9 6BP.

Cllr Mulready
Call: 07930 575 913.

Cllrs Sharon Patrick, Tom Rahilly & Rebecca Rennison
(on a rota basis)
1st Fri each month
6.30-7.30pm, The Kabin, Kingsmead Way, E9 5QG.

3rd Sat each month
11am-12noon, Vi Forrester Hall, Gilpin Road, Clapton, E5 0LH.

No surgery on 1 January

Cllrs Michelle Gregory & Richard Lufkin
(on a rota basis)
1st Fri each month
6-7pm, Dalston CLR James Library, Dalston Lane, E8 3BQ.

Monthly roving surgeries or meetings by prior arrangement.

Contact councillors via e-mail: michelle.gregory@hackney.gov.uk & richard.lufkin@hackney.gov.uk; or call members services on: 020 8356 3373.

Cllrs Jon Burke & Caroline Selman
(on a rota basis)
1st Sat each month
10-11am, Joseph Court Community Hall, Amhurst Park, N16 5AJ.

2nd Sat each month
10-11am, Woodberry Down Community Organisation office, Unit 2c Rowan Apartments, Seven Sisters Road, N4 1NS.

3rd Sun each month
10-11am, Ben Simons Community Hall, Block 1-66, Lincoln Court, Bethune Road, N16.

4th Thurs each month
6.30-7.30pm, Amwell Court Community Hall, Portland Rise, N4 2NY.

Cllr Sade Etti
3rd Sun each month
11.30am-12.30pm, Webb Estate Community Hall, Clapton Common, E5 9BD.

Cllr Harvey Odze:
2nd Mon each month, 7.30-8.30pm, The Mount Comm. Hall, 21 Mount Pleasant Lane, E5 9DW.

4th Mon each month, 7.30-8.30pm, Wrens Park Comm. Hall, Springfield, E5 9LN.

Contact Cllr Odze on: 07790 902 513. No surgery in December

6. HACKNEY CENTRAL

Cllrs Sophie Linden, Ben Hayhurst & Vincent Stops
(on a rota basis)
1st Sat each month
11am-12noon, Room 37a, Hackney Town Hall, E8 1EA.

Cllr Michael Desmond, Anna-Joy Rickard & Rick Muir
1st Sun each month
11am-12noon, Luncheon Club, 19 Olympus Square, E5. No surgery on 3 January

Cllr Rickard & Muir
2nd Sun each month
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Recipes inspired by the Eat Hackney Cookbook

www.eathackney.com/cookbook

Eat Hackney Cookbook features 30 great recipes from restaurants, cafés and community projects in Hackney. Proceeds go to the Hackney Migrant Centre and North London Action for the Homeless, who feed 100 vulnerable people each week in the borough.



THIS issue's recipe is inspired by the Eat Hackney Cookbook, which features recipes from around the world. Its sale raises funds for two small local charities which work to feed the homeless and vulnerable: the Hackney Migrant Centre and North London Action for the Homeless. The Cookbook costs £5, with all funds going to the charities. For more info on where to buy a copy, visit: eathackney.com

Peruvian porridge

Serves 1

Preparation time

20 mins



Cooking time

40 mins



THIS warming recipe for a Peruvian twist on porridge comes from Andina, located on the corner of Redchurch Street and Shoreditch High Street, E2.

Ingredients

- 70g cooked quinoa
- 40g cooked amaranth (a grain)
- 4 tbsp honey
- 1/2 cup quinoa milk
- 4 strawberries
- 10 blueberries
- 5 goldenberries
- 1 fig

Method

- Bored of your usual breakfast? This is the antidote. Rinse the quinoa and amaranth with water and drain. Mix the grains together with the quinoa milk and half the honey. Gently boil for 10 minutes until creamy
- Serve with the chopped fruits on top and drizzle the remaining honey.



Quinoa is a very good source of calcium, magnesium and manganese. It also possesses good levels of several B vitamins, vitamin E and dietary fibre. Another South

American super-grain, amaranth is rich in lysine, an amino acid which boosts energy levels and is packed full with potassium and zinc to keep you going all day.

Reminder to have your say on safeguarding adults

THE City and Hackney Safeguarding Adults Board is reminding residents to have their say on its proposed five year plan.

The board's vision is to ensure that people live a life free from harm in communities that are intolerant of abuse, work together to prevent abuse, and know what to do when it happens.

As a multi-agency partnership of organisations working in the two boroughs, the board has developed a new strategy to help realise this vision. The strategy is underpinned by four principles to help organisations work together

with adults who are not able to protect themselves from abuse and neglect because of their care needs.

To respond to this consultation, visit: consultation.hackney.gov.uk; e-mail: CHSAB@hackney.gov.uk



The City and Hackney Safeguarding Adults Board wants to hear from residents about its proposed five year plan

Meetings

COUNCIL MEETINGS IN NOVEMBER

30 Hoxton East & Shoreditch ward forum 7pm

COUNCIL MEETINGS IN DECEMBER

2 Appointments Sub Committee - Group Director, Place, Neighbourhoods and Housing 11.30am
2 Planning sub committee 6.30pm
3 Licensing sub committee 2pm
8 Appointments sub committee - Group Director, Children, Adults and Community Health 3pm
8 Health in Hackney scrutiny commission 7pm

8	Licensing sub committee	7pm
9	Corporate committee	6.30pm
10	Licensing sub committee	2pm
10	Special planning sub committee	6.30pm
10	Children and Young People scrutiny commission	7pm
14	Governance and Resources scrutiny commission	7pm
15	Appointments sub committee - Group Director, Place, Neighbourhoods and Housing	2pm
15	Licensing sub committee	2pm
15	Cabinet procurement committee	5pm

Info: 020 8356 3316/3302/3312; or visit: www.hackney.gov.uk/council-democracy.htm

TENANTS & RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

IN DECEMBER

1 Sherry's Wharf TRA 7pm
2 Shrubland Estate TRA 7pm
2 Rhodes Estate TRA (AGM) 7pm
3 Lockner Estate TRA 7pm
3 Sylvester House TRA 6pm
7 Wilton Estate TRA 7pm
8 Clapton Neighbourhood Panel 7pm
10 Stanway TRA 7pm
14 Webb Estate TRA 7pm
15 Homerton (MESH) Neighbourhood Panel 7pm

TO CHECK TIMES & VENUES, CALL THE RESIDENT PARTICIPATION TEAM ON: 020 8356 7845

Sudoku

For solutions see: www.hackney.gov.uk/hackneytoday

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Win one month's FREE rent

We're giving you the chance to win one month's free rent as a reward to set you off to a great start for the year ahead.

You must have a clear rent account on 10 January 2016 to be entered into the prize draw*

There are many ways to pay your rent



Call 020 8356 3100



www.hackneyhomes.org.uk



Tel: 020 8356 3100 / 5050



If you are having trouble paying your rent, contact the income services team on 020 8365 3100

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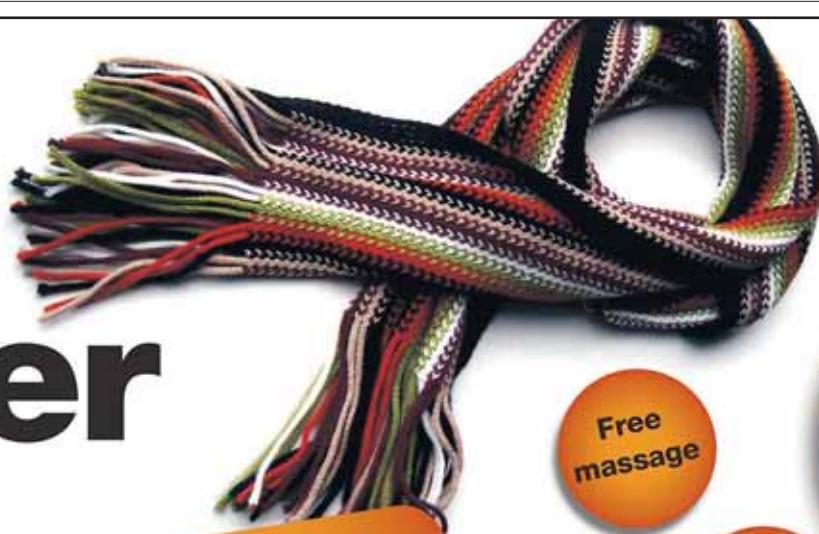
*Terms and conditions apply, see www.hackneyhomes.org.uk for full details.

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OVER 55

Winter Warmer

It's back!



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Win
prizes

**Friday 4
December
2015**
11am - 3pm

Free
massage

Housing
Advice

Health
Advice

A day for Hackney Homes residents over the age of 55 to get advice about keeping warm, healthy and safe over the winter months.

Assembly Rooms, Hackney Town Hall, London E8 1EA

To register please contact the Resident Participation Team call **020 8356 7845** or email: getinvolved@hackneyhomes.org.uk with your name and address. You can also book an appointment to see an energy advisor. Spaces will be allocated on a first-come first-served basis.

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LONDON BOROUGH OF HACKNEY

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATIONS ACT 1984 SECTION 14(1) AND 16A: PROPOSED AND MADE NOTICES

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 SECTION 14(1) AND 16A: NOTICES OF PROPOSED AND MADE ORDERS

WE, THE LONDON BOROUGH OF HACKNEY, GIVE NOTICE THAT WE INTEND TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING ORDERS IN THE FIRST PART OF THE TABLE BELOW, AND HAVE MADE THE ORDERS IN THE SECOND PART OF THE TABLE, IN EACH CASE FOR THE REASONS AND DURATION DATES STATED AND WITH ALTERNATIVE DIVERSION ROUTES AVAILABLE

ANDY CUNNINGHAM, HEAD OF STREETSCENE, 30 NOVEMBER 2015

PROPOSED RESTRICTION (PROPOSED NOTICE)

REF NO.	ROAD NAME	RESTRICTION	REASON	LOCATION	DIVERSION ROUTE	WORK START DATE	WORK END DATE
P1946	Charlotte Road EC2A	Road Closure & Introduce temporary two way traffic	Gas Works	From its Junction with Rivington Street to its junction with Mills Court	Via local signage	14-Dec-15	18-Dec-15
P1936	Clarence Mews E5	Road Closure	Gas Works	From its junction with Clarence Road to a point in line with the property boundary no 7 & 9	Via local signage	14-Dec-15	18-Dec-15
P1943	Cropley Street N1	Road Closure	Crane Operation	From its junction with Eagle Wharf Road to its junction with Forston Street	Via local signage	14-Dec-15	15-Dec-15
P1903	Darnley Road E9	Road Closure & Introduce temporary two way traffic	Manhole cover replacement work	From its junction with Mare Street to its junction with Frampton Park Road	Via local signage	17-Dec-15	17-Dec-15
P1939	Digby Road E9	Road Closure	Crane Operation	From its junction with Homerton High Street in a south easterly direction for a distance of 50 metres	Via local signage	06-Jan-16	06-Jan-16
P1948	King Edwards Road E9	Road Closure	Gas Works	From its junction with Tryon Crescent in a north easterly direction to a point line with the property boundary number 84 & 86	Via local signage	04-Jan-16	28-Feb-16
P1944	Kyverdale Road N16	Waiting & Loading Restriction	Gas Works	Both sides, From a point in line with the property boundary no 54 & 56 to northern side of property boundary no 62	Not Required	14-Dec-15	18-Dec-15
P1943-1	Parr Street N1	Banned Turns	Crane Operation	Right Turn banned at its Junction with Cropley Street	Via local signage	14-Dec-15	15-Dec-15
P1947	Rivington Street EC2A	Road Closure & Introduce temporary two way traffic	Thames Water Works	(1). Between points 59 metres and 85 metres east of its junction with Curtain Road (2). From its junction with Curtain Road to its junction with Shoreditch High Street	Via local signage	09-Jan-15 16-Jan-15	10-Jan-15 17-Jan-15
P1910	Roding Road E5	Footway Closure	Thames Water Works	Both sides, From its junction with Homerton High Street to its junction with Colne Road	Via local signage	04-Jan-16	30-Mar-16
P1941	Silesia Buildings E8	Road Closure	Building Works	From its junction with London Lane to a point in line with northern property boundary no 6a	Via local signage	04-Jan-16	15-Apr-16
P1948-1	Tryon Crescent E9	Road Closure	Gas Works	From its junction with King Edwards Road in a north easterly direction for a distance of 36 metres	Via local signage	04-Jan-16	28-Feb-16

CONFIRMED RESTRICTION (MADE NOTICE)

P1911	Adley Street E5	Footway Closure	Thames Water Works	Both sides, From its junction with Marsh Hill to its junction with Meeson Street	Opposite side of Footway	10-Dec-15	17-May-16
P1933	Barnabas Road E9	Road Closure	Thames Water Works	From its junction with Homerton High Street to its junction with Berger Road	Via local signage	07-Dec-15	11-Dec-15
P1930	Clarence Road E5	Road Closure	Virgin Media Works	From its junction with Dalston Lane in a north easterly direction for a distance of 25 metres	Via local signage	30-Nov-15	06-Dec-15
P1938-1	Clere Street EC2A	Road Closure	Crane Operation	From its junction with Paul Street in a westerly direction for a distance of 10 metres	Via local signage	05-Dec-15	06-Dec-15
P1934	Duncan Street E8	Road Closure	Sewer Connection Work	From its junction with Broadway Market in a south easterly direction for a distance of 30 metres	Via local signage	30-Nov-15	05-Dec-15
P1914	Glyn Road E5	Footway Closure	Thames Water Works	Both sides, From its junction with Homerton High Street to its junction with Clifden Road	Opposite side of Footway	09-Dec-15	29-Feb-16
P1888	Mackintosh Lane E9	Road Closure and Waiting Restriction	Thames Water Works	Both sides, From its junction with Homerton High Street to its junction with Sedgwick Street	Via local signage	07-Dec-15	21-Dec-15
P1915	Meeson Street E5	Footway Closure	Thames Water Works	Both sides, From its junction with Daubney Road to its junction with Kingsmead Way	Opposite side of Footway	10-Dec-15	19-Jan-16
P1929	New North Road N1	Banned Turns	Telecom Mast Works	Left Turn banned at its Junction with East Road	Via local signage	08-Dec-15	09-Dec-15
P1938	Paul Street EC2A	Road Closure & Introduce temporary two way traffic	Crane Operation	From its junction with Luke Street in a south westerly direction for a distance of 45 metres	Via local signage	05-Dec-15	06-Dec-15
P1925	Pitfield Street N1	Road & Footway Closures	Crane Operation	From its junction with Crondall Street in a southerly direction for a distance of 40 metres	Via local signage	10-Dec-15	10-Dec-15
P1931	Scoble Place E8	Road Closure	UKPN Works	From its junction with Shacklewell Lane to along its entire length	Via local signage	30-Nov-15	04-Dec-15
P1885-1	Swinnerton Street E9	Road Closure and Waiting Restriction	Thames Water Works	Both sides, From its junction with Chevet Street to its junction with Mabley Street	Via local signage	28-Nov-15	04-Dec-15

YOU CAN GET MORE INFORMATION AND MAKE COMMENTS ABOUT THIS PROPOSED AND MADE ORDERS BY CONTACTING THE HELPLINE ON 020 8356 2897



THE LONDON BOROUGH OF HACKNEY
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 (AS AMENDED)
THE HACKNEY (COLVILLE ESTATE) (STOPPING UP) ORDER 2015 TT1102

NOTICE is hereby given that The London Borough of Hackney ("the Council") on 27th November 2015 made an Order under Section 247 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) to stop up the highway described in the Schedule 1 of this notice hereto.

The title of the Order is The Hackney (Colville Estate) (Stopping Up) Order 2015 and shall come into force on 7th December 2015.

A copy of the Order and the accompanying plan showing the length and area of highway being stopped up can be viewed between 9am and 5pm on Mondays to Fridays inclusive, in the reception area, London Borough of Hackney, Keltan House 89-115 Mare Street London, E8 4RU. Further information may be obtained by contacting the Helpdesk on 020 8356 2897.

Dated this 30th day of November 2015

Kim Wright

Corporate Director (Health & Community Services)
(The officer appointed for this purpose)

AREAS OF PUBLIC HIGHWAY TO BE STOPPED UP

In relation to the development at Colville Estate; Harvey Street – Commencing at the junction with Penn Street to the south and terminating at the end of Harvey Street to the north. Approximate length 69m. Approximate width 54m at the junction with Penn Street tapering to 9m at the northern end of Harvey Street constituting the full width of the highway.

Felton Street – Commencing at the junction with Bridport Place to the west and terminating at the end of Felton Street to the east. Approximate length 73m. Approximate width 24m at the junction with Bridport Place tapering to 10m at the eastern end of Felton Street constituting the full width of

the highway.

LONDON BOROUGH OF HACKNEY

THE HACKNEY (WAITING, LOADING AND STOPPING RESTRICTIONS) (MAP BASED) (CONSOLIDATION) (AMENDMENT NO.21) ORDER 2015

THE HACKNEY (PARKING PLACES) (MAP BASED) (CONSOLIDATION) (AMENDMENT NO.20) ORDER 2015 TT1105

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the London Borough of Hackney on 27th November 2015 did make the above-mentioned Orders under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as amended
2. The general effect of the Orders will be to;
 - a) Convert some permit holder and shared use bays outside No's 149 -165 and 108 - 124 Hoxton Street will be converted to designated trader loading bays. Loading and unloading is restricted to 07:30 - 11:00 and 15:00 - 18:30. No loading restrictions from 11am - 3pm.
 - b) Remove the doctor's bay outside the 34 Allerton Road to be replaced with a disabled bay. Remove the doctor's bay outside 2-8 Coopersale Road to be replaced with a shared use bay. Remove the doctor's bay outside 10 Englefield Road to be replaced with a permit bay. Remove the doctor's bay outside 2 Egerton Road, 170 Lower Clapton Road, Opposite 1-10 Statham Grove to be replaced with a resident permit bays, opposite no. 2 Moresby Road, outside the welfare centre on Malvern Road to be replaced with a shared use bay.
 - c) Reduce the resident permit bay outside 78 Andre Street by 10 metres to be replaced with no loading at any time restrictions.
 - d) Remove a section of shared use bay and replace with double yellow lines. Relocate the disabled bay opposite 42 Eleanor Road, south replacing a section of shared use bay.
 - e) Remove a section of the resident permit bay to be replaced with double yellow lines outside 17 Gould Terrace to provide access at the fire exit. Relocate the 2.4 metre section of resident permit bay to the northern end of the bay replacing a section of double yellow lines.
 - f) Remove a section of resident bay at the side of 223 Spensley Walk, Clissold Road to be replaced with a disabled bay.

g) Remove a section of permit bay outside 147 Victoria Park Road to be replaced with double yellow lines.

h) Install a disabled bay on Theydon road, at the rear side of 11 Halesworth Close.

i) Amend the traffic management order to match the restrictions on street at Handley Road, Green Lanes and Stoke Newington Church Street.

j) Introduce no loading at any time restrictions outside no. 15 Clarence Mews.

3. Copies of the Orders, which will come into force on 7th December 2015, other relevant Orders, and other documents giving more detailed particulars of the Orders, can be inspected during normal office hours on Mondays to Fridays inclusive, until the expiration of a period of six weeks from the date on which the Orders are made, in the reception area, London Borough of Hackney Keltan House 89 -115 Mare Street London, E8 4RU. Further information may be obtained at www.hackneytraffweb.gov.uk or by contacting Helpdesk on 020 8356 2897.

4. If any person wishes to question the validity of the Orders, or of any provision contained therein on the grounds that it not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 or that any requirement of the Act or of any instrument under the Act has not been complied with, that person may, within six weeks of the date on which the Orders are made, apply for the purpose to the High Court.

LONDON BOROUGH OF HACKNEY

THE HACKNEY (WAITING, LOADING AND STOPPING RESTRICTIONS) (MAP BASED) (CONSOLIDATION) (AMENDMENT NO.21) ORDER 2015

THE HACKNEY (PARKING PLACES) (MAP BASED) (CONSOLIDATION) (AMENDMENT NO.20) ORDER 2015 TT1009

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the London Borough of Hackney on 27th November 2015 did make the above-mentioned Orders under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as amended
2. The general effect of the Orders will be to;
 - a) Convert the residential parking bay in Gore Road to the south of Victoria Park Road to a Car Club bay.

3. Copies of the Orders, which will come into force on 7th December 2015, other relevant Orders, and other documents giving more detailed particulars of the Orders, can be inspected during normal office hours on Mondays to Fridays inclusive, until the expiration of a period of six weeks from the date on which the Orders are made, in the reception area, London Borough of Hackney Keltan House 89 -115 Mare Street London, E8 4RU. Further information may be obtained at www.hackneytraffweb.gov.uk or by contacting Helpdesk on 020 8356 2897.

4. If any person wishes to question the validity of the Orders, or of any provision contained therein on the grounds that it not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 or that any requirement of the Act or of any instrument under the Act has not been complied with, that person may, within six weeks of the date on which the Orders are made, apply for the purpose to the High Court.

LONDON BOROUGH OF HACKNEY

THE HACKNEY (WAITING, LOADING AND STOPPING RESTRICTIONS) (MAP BASED) (CONSOLIDATION) (AMENDMENT NO.21) ORDER 2015 TT1111

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the London Borough of Hackney proposes to make the above-mentioned Order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as amended.
2. The general effect of the Order will be to;
 - a) Overlea Road – Install 7.5m of Double Yellow Lines across the rear access of 76-78 Clapton Common.
3. Plans of the proposed measures can be inspected during normal office hours on Mondays to Fridays inclusive until a period of 21 days from the date, on which this notice is published, in the reception area, London Borough of Hackney, Keltan House, 89-115 Mare Street, London, E8 4RU. Further information may be obtained at www.hackneytraffweb.co.uk, or by contacting Helpdesk on 020 8356 2897.
4. Any objections or other representations about the Order should be sent in writing to the Assistant Director (Public Realm) at the address specified in paragraph 3 above until the expiration of a period of 21 days from the date on which this Notice is published. All objections must specify the grounds on which they are made.

Unless otherwise stated all traffic notices are as follows: Dated this 30th day of November 2015
Tom McCourt, Assistant Director (Public Realm)
(The officer appointed for this purpose)



PLANNING

LONDON BOROUGH OF HACKNEY NOTICE UNDER THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACTS AND RELATED ORDERS

EC1V

356 Old Street London EC1V 9NQ Variation of condition 2 extension of hours of planning permission 2015/0045 dated 01/06/2015 to extend hours on Friday and Saturday from 12:00 and 23:00 pm, Monday-Friday, 12:00 - 23:59 until 2 am the following day 2015/3149 Major Development/ Wide public interest

EC2A

92-96 Curtain Road London EC2A 3AA Demolition of existing buildings and erection of a part two, part six-storey building (over basement) in order to provide 9 self-contained flats (4x1 bed, 4 x 3, bed, 1 x 4 bed), office floor space (Use Class B1) and retail floor space (Use Class A1) together with cycle/waste storage. 2015/3959 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

123 Curtain Road London EC2A 3BX Variation of condition 5 (Development only in accordance with approved plans) attached to planning permission 2014/2761 dated 26/08/2014 to increase size of terrace area and parapet wall; add rooflight; add ventilation shafts; add louvred panel to serve ventilation shaft; installation of zinc clad balustrade. 2015/3631 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

E5

2B Median Road London E5 OPL Insertion of a new shopfront at ground floor level to replace the existing shopfront. 2015/4055 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

44 Clarence Mews London E5 8HL Erection of single storey rear/side extension. 2015/3850 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

14 Narford Road London E5 8RD Erection of single storey side and rear extensions, introduction of front lightwell 2015/4074 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area, Minor Development

12 Alconbury Road London E5 8RH Extension of existing front lightwell including relocation of existing external stairs and basement entrance; introduction of black metal railings to lightwell and new windows to basement bay; single storey ground floor side extension; 3No. rooflights to front elevation and 1No rooflight to rear elevation; and introduction of rear amenity deck (roof terrace) 2015/3851 Minor Development, Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

E8

97 Mapledene Road London E8 3LL Erection of a single storey ground floor rear extension 2015/3917 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

244 Queensbridge Road Hackney London E8 3NB Erection of a rear dormer roof extension 2015/4027 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

139 Richmond Road London E8 3NJ Erection of single storey rear extension at lower ground floor level and enlargement of rear lower ground floor door opening. In association with Listed Building application 2015/3777. 2015/3771 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

139 Richmond Road London E8 3NJ Erection of single storey rear extension at lower ground floor level and enlargement of rear lower ground floor door opening. In association with full planning application 2015/3771. 2015/3777 Affects Setting of a Listed Building

145 Middleton Road London E8 4LL Excavation of basement. Erection of single storey rear extension at ground floor level. Erection of dormers to rear and side roofslopes. Associated works comprising insertion of rooflight to front roofslope; removal of rear window at first floor level and insertion of high level window to rear ground floor level. 2015/3806 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

E9

208 Cassland Road London E9 5AJ Erection of part single storey, part two storey 2 bed dwelling house with associated refuse and cycle storage and erection of new boundary walls. 2015/4057 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

10 Meynell Gardens London E9 7AT Erection of a roof extension over the the rear stairwell, rear and side dormer roof extension and installation of 2 front conservation style roof lights 2015/3999 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

33 Lauriston Road London E9 7EY Erection of two storey side extension to existing 3-storey semi-detached house 2015/4091 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

N1



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134 De Beauvoir Road Hackney London N1 4DJ Erection of a single-storey ground floor full-width rear extension 2015/4117 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

109A Tottenham Road London N1 4EA Demolition of existing property. Erection of three-storey 3-bed single dwellinghouse with rear roof terrace. 2015/3760 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

13 Stanway Street London N1 6RQ Erection of an additional floor above 2nd floor level with roof terrace to form 1x2 bed flat (use class C3) 2015/3823 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area, Affects Setting of a Listed Building

Tagwright House 35-41 Westland Place London N1 7LP Change of use of part basement from car parking area to B1 office use; installation of new window and door to east elevation at ground floor level to replace existing car park entrance. 2015/3983 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

Unit D, 15 Micawber Street London N1 7TB Installation of shopfront and intake/extraction units to Micawber Street elevation [all in connection with consented application 2015/1755 Change of use from office (use class B1) to restaurant/cafe (use class A3) in connection with the gallery premises at 14 Wharf Road] 2015/4099 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

N16

180-182 Lordship Road London N16 5ES Variation of condition 2 (plans) of planning permission dated 20/12/2013 under ref. 2013/3146 for demolition of existing two storey semi-detached dwellings and erection of lower ground and four storey building comprising 15 residential units (9 x 2, 5 x 3 & 1 x 4 bed), balconies to front and rear elevations, two associated car parking spaces and bin store to front garden and bicycle store within rear garden to allow minor changes to the design and appearance of the approved development. 2015/1937 Major Development/ Wide public interest

Cedra Court Cazenove Road London N16 6AT Erection of single-storey extension at fourth floor level to provide 8 self-contained flats (2 x 3-bed, 6 x 2-bed); changes to parking arrangements including demolition of garages; landscaping; two new cycle stores; two new refuse stores. 2015/3838 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

26 Oldhill Street Hackney London N16 6LB Partially retrospective application for full planning permission for the conversion of two self-contained maisonette flats to a

single family dwelling on basement, ground, first, second and third floors; removal of rear roof terrace and railings, and alterations to rear extension including reduction in height; removal of rear dormer and replacement with rear dormer; and introduction of 2No. conservation rooflights to front roof slope. 2015/3931 Minor Development, Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

154 Stoke Newington High Street London N16 7JL Erection of single-storey rear extension at 1st floor level over existing rear extension to provide 2 residential units (1 x 3-bed and 1 x 1-bed) and restoration of upper floors of existing building to provide 2 residential units (1x1 bed and 1x2 bed) with associated landscaping and fencing and erection of stairwell at 1st floor level (following demolition of existing external staircase). [Amendment to approved application 2014/2828 dated 15/04/2015] 2015/3162 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

71 Brooke Road London N16 7RD Erection of external stair to rear of outrigger at lower ground floor level (following removal of existing stair to side of outrigger) and replacement fenestration, including insertion of French doors at lower ground floor level to rear. 2015/3895 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

10-14 Crossway Stoke Newington London N16 8HX Erection of a part 6, part 4 storey building comprising 54 no. residential units (13 x 1bed, 25 x 2 bed and 16 x 3 bed units); 230sqm (GIA) of commercial (B1) floorspace; and the provision of private and communal amenity space, landscaping, cycle parking, disabled car parking, refuse stores and other associated development. 2015/3916 Major Development/ Wide public interest

London Borough of Hackney Notice under the Town and Country Planning Acts and Related Orders The Applications can be inspected between 9am and 5pm at 1 Hillman Street London, E8 1DY. They can also be viewed on the following website: www.hackney.gov.uk/planning. Representations should be made in writing within 21 days to the Development Control Manager, 2 Hillman Street, London, E8 1 FB. All representations will be acknowledged in writing. Ian Rae, Head of Development Management, 30 November, 2015

LICENSING

LICENSING

Notice is given that **Laura Christie** applied to HACKNEY COUNCIL to vary the premises licence at: Oklava, 74 Luke Street, London, EC2A 4PY

In order to make the following variation to the licence:

Licensed to sell alcohol Monday – Friday 12:00 – 00:00, Saturday 10:00 – 00:00, Sunday 10:00 – 23:30

The licence register listing details of the variation is held at the Licensing Service, Hackney Service Centre, 1 Hillman Street, London E8 1DY (Tel No. 020 8356 4970). Details are also available on-line at www.hackney.gov.uk/licensing

Any representations against this application must be made in writing and received by the Licensing Service at the above address, by no later than the 10th December

Residents and businesses in the vicinity of the premises, or their representatives, may make representations on licensing objectives grounds only, i.e. the prevention of crime and disorder, the prevention of public nuisance, public safety and the protection of children from harm. Copies of all representations will be sent to the applicant. It is an offence, liable on conviction to a fine up to £5000 for an applicant to knowingly or recklessly make a false statement in connection with the application.



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