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That picture (to the left) is of me, Cllr Joseph Ejiofor. Following May's elections, I'm the new Leader of Haringey Council. It's an honour and a privilege to have been elected to lead our council and deliver our vision of bringing all communities together to improve our collective future.

Haringey is our home and we're proud of it. This is a borough that people from every ethnic and social background, people from all walks of life, have chosen to make their home too. We want to work hand-in-hand with all of you to build on Haringey's strengths – its vibrancy, diversity, resilience and proud sense of community – to make this a place where even more people can settle and thrive.

A change of Leader is not just about personnel. It represents a change of direction, a change of emphasis, a change of priorities.

Our priority is to house Haringey's people. Our residents live in social housing, in affordable housing, rent in the private sector and are home owners. We want to build our own housing on our own land. We want to deliver the new high quality, genuinely affordable homes that Haringey residents need. We want to protect the rights of tenants and create opportunities for local people to buy the homes that are being built in our borough.

We are committed to working in partnership with, and to listening to, the many diverse voices in our borough. That is why we will launch a Fairness Commission to help us understand what residents, community groups and businesses think we should be doing to address the challenges Haringey faces and make this a better and more equal borough.

We continue to face unprecedented cuts to our budgets from central government. We have been prudent and pragmatic, but we know there is only so much that can be cut from any service before there is no service left. We will always explore the best possible options for delivering council services – and we aim to deliver more services directly ourselves.

We will continue to champion the borough's children and young people – maintaining our reputation for exceptional education; ensuring young people have the best opportunities in life, and working with the police and other partners to tackle gang violence.

Finally, we will continue to be a borough that welcomes people from all backgrounds, and that stands together against discrimination and in support of equality and diversity.

Haringey's people are its greatest asset. Your knowledge, passion, pride and commitment are strengths that we hope we can harness as we seek to improve our borough and together create a Haringey that is cleaner, greener, safer and fairer.

I am looking forward to working with you all.

Cllr Joseph Ejiofor
Leader, Haringey Council



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The results are in! Haringey Council elections 2018



Haringey has a new team of elected councillors working on your behalf following May's local council elections.

Each of the council's 57 seats, which are divided equally across 19 different wards, was contested, with 234 candidates standing in total – the third highest in Haringey's history.

The Labour Party won 42 of the seats, making them the council's ruling group, while the Liberal Democrats won 15 to make them the official opposition group.

Overall turnout across the borough was 39 percent, with 68,514 individual ballot papers filled in. Alexandra Ward saw the highest individual ward turnout, with 55 percent of eligible voters having their say on who should represent them on the council.

More than 20,000 residents applied for postal votes this year, the highest ever.

New Leader of the Council, Bruce Grove ward councillor Joseph Ejiofor, was elected by the Labour group. More news and information about the new Leader, the Cabinet team and all elected councillors will be available in the next edition of Haringey People, and online at www.haringey.gov.uk/councillors

A full ward-by-ward breakdown of results from the local election can be found on our dedicated elections website at www.haringey.gov.uk/voting



Palace Theatre

Ally Pally's atmospheric Victorian Theatre will re-open this winter after being closed to the public for more than 80 years.

The spectacular space has been meticulously restored to its original splendour as part of an ambitious project to bring the hidden gem back to life.

A special opening weekend, featuring a programme pegged to the theatre's music hall roots, will kick-off a season of performances in December, including a special variety gala featuring music, comedy, circus and surprises.

Other performances billed for December include Dylan Moran; Gareth Malone and members of the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra;

a Ronnie Scott's jazz night; Friday Night is Music Night, and Horrible Histories – Horrible Christmas.

Alexandra Palace Theatre enjoys a unique history. Opened in 1875, the theatre attracted some of the biggest stars of the day and audiences of up to 3,000. It went on to become a home for music hall icons, a cinema and even a chapel for WWI prisoners of war.

The theatre's £27million restoration is part of the wider Ally Pally East Wing Restoration, which will see historic spaces brought back into use and safeguarded for generations to come.

For further information, visit www.alexandrapalace.com



Royal Wedding honour for Haringey's Pamela

Having worked tirelessly to support those battling mental health issues in Haringey, Pamela Anomneze was rewarded with an invitation to the Royal Wedding.

Pamela, project manager at Wood Green's Studio 306 – which supports recovery through arts and crafts – was among a select group invited to help Prince Harry and Meghan Markle celebrate their big day with a party in the grounds of Windsor Castle.

Pamela and her 15-year-old son joined others invited in recognition of the positive difference they make in their local community.

Pamela, who became an overnight international news star following the invite, said: "I believe this is not only my glory, but the glory of Studio 306 and of the whole of Haringey – I am a proud Haringey person. When I got my invite I was shocked and excited, I had no idea whatsoever. I thought it might be a prank, an April fool!"

Studio 306 is a social enterprise where talented members make and sell their products, which in turn fund classes for local people who want a safe space to learn new skills and recover from ill mental health.

Find out more at www.studio306.co.uk

Taking the lead for better public health

Dr Jeanelle de Gruchy, Haringey Council's Director of Public Health, has been elected president of the Association of Directors of Public Health (ADPH).

Jeanelle, who trained and worked as a doctor in South Africa and the UK, has a long history of advocating for public health and providing leadership on challenging issues such as health inequalities and mental health.

Jeanelle said she was "delighted" to have been elected, adding: "Directors of Public Health play a vital role as system leaders and advocates for the improvement and protection of the health and wellbeing of our local populations."



Working together for better mental health

Haringey is taking the lead on an innovative approach to improving mental health, bringing together the council, social housing landlords and mental health service providers.

The borough is the first area in England where the local authority and partners have together signed up to a series of pledges to support people with mental health difficulties.

Commitments include offering mental health awareness and first aid training to frontline housing staff; prioritising property repairs if they are preventing someone from leaving hospital, and encouraging tenants to share information about their health conditions with their landlords.

Those to have signed the pledges include L&Q, Family Mosaic, Sanctuary, Notting Hill and Metropolitan housing organisations, as well as Barnet Enfield and Haringey Mental Health Trust, Mind in Haringey and Citizens Advice Haringey.

One in four people will experience mental ill health at some time in their lives.

Sign up for HPX

Keep up to date with all the latest news and events from across Haringey with our Haringey People Extra – HPX – online newsletter.

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Paving the way to sustainable transport

New cycling routes, better pedestrian links and safety measures are among a raft of improvements set to be made thanks to the £14million Sustainable Transport Works Plan.

Investment will be made in schemes to ease congestion and make it easier and safer to travel around Haringey by bike or on foot.

Highlights include a Crouch End Liveable Neighbourhoods project to make the area a hub for walking and cycling; a revamp of the route linking White Hart Lane station to the new Spurs stadium; the Haringey sections of the London Quietways cycle routes; investment in road and pavement repairs; improved street lighting, and better parking schemes.

Wonderful windfall for GOSH

A generous Crouch End couple have donated £50,000 to fund refurbishments and a private family room in the respiratory ward at Great Ormond Street Hospital Charity (GOSH).

Rathin and Anima Banerjee visited the hospital alongside former Mayor of Haringey and Seven Sisters ward Cllr Dhiren Basu to make the donation, which will allow families and staff to have sensitive conversations in a private space away from the child's bedside.

The respiratory service at GOSH cares for children with a range of respiratory conditions, including cystic fibrosis, complex asthma, acute chronic lung disease and complex breathing problems.

Rachel Hughes, Deputy Director of GOSH children's charity, said the generous donation "will make a real difference to seriously ill children and their families."



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New homes at heart of Wood Green plans

Proposals for hundreds of new homes, a medical centre, offices and shopping space in Wood Green have been approved.

Plans for the Chocolate Factory site on Clarendon Road will create 230 new homes, including 72 affordable, as well as flexible commercial space and a range of improvements to the surrounding area.

At the nearby Iceland site, off Brook Road and Mayes Road, 160 new flats will be built, including 32 affordable. The development will also bring a medical centre, retail space and an office unit, alongside new infrastructure and landscaping.

Developers on both schemes will pay a Community Infrastructure Levy, expected to put millions in investment and improvements back into the area.

The council is working with existing businesses, helping many to relocate to the Olympia Trading Estate while works are ongoing.

For more information on wider improvements in Wood Green, visit www.haringey.gov.uk/woodgreen



Championing LGBT+ communities

From equality workshops at schools to celebrating Haringey's proud campaigning history, the council has pledged to do even more to make the borough welcoming and safe for the LGBT+ community.

With the eighth largest LGBT+ community in London, the council has pledged to improve visibility, awareness and inclusion for LGBT+ residents and staff.

LGBT+ residents will have a greater role in shaping priorities and services to ensure they meet their needs.

Plans include improving supported housing contracts; more support for homeless young LGBT+ residents; working with the police to tackle hate crime; delivering schools' workshops; celebrating Haringey's history of LGBT+ activism; updating council transgender guidance; collecting better data, and strengthening our staff networks to ensure the council is an inclusive place to work.

Summer season at Park Road Lido

The ever-popular Park Road Lido has reopened for the summer following extensive repair and improvement works.

Cracks in the pool have been filled in to make it safe again, and the pool has been reinforced and painted. The Lido has also been treated to new paving and the paddling pool has also been refurbished.

For more information on opening times, sessions and prices, visit: www.fusion-lifestyle.com/centres/park-road-pools-fitness

Affordable homes

A new development of 54 affordable homes earmarked for families on the council's housing waiting list is to be built in Tottenham.

The three-block development by Newlon Housing Trust on a site between Monument Way and Fairbanks Road will include 24 two-bedroom, 18 three-bedroom and 12 one-bedroom homes.

Creative hub

Affordable commercial units that will help creative businesses flourish will be built in south Tottenham as part of an innovative new development uniting creative industry, community space and homes.

The Bernard Works scheme in Bernard Road will include 25 affordable-rent units to help creative businesses make Tottenham their home. They will sit alongside a state-of-the-art music rehearsal space, a café and a new community exhibition or pavilion area, as well as 99 new homes.



Kicking off for the community

Spurs and England superstar Dele Alli has thrown his support behind a scheme designed to boost youngsters' confidence – and football skills – while also tackling crime and anti-social behaviour.

Dele was on hand to kick-off the new Tottenham Hotspur Community Football League, in partnership with the council and the police.

It sees local under-14s team up every Friday evening at Duke's Aldridge Academy in Trulock Road to play in the league and compete against each other.

As well as providing the space for young people to play football, the programme offers workshops for teenagers to discuss challenges they face in the community, and offers them practical tips to overcome issues.

Sessions are designed to build youngsters' self-esteem and confidence, helping them to get back into education, training or employment and steering them away from potential unemployment or crime.

Dele, who has spoken out about challenges he faced in his own teenage years, said: "The opportunity to play football was so important to me as I was growing up, and this new football league the club is running is a brilliant way of getting young people from this area together to play sport and meet friends within a safe environment."

Tottenham Hotspur Foundation Community Development Manager, Richard Allcock, said: "We are really proud of the work we have achieved setting up this football league. This is a huge opportunity for young people who are passionate about sport to come down every week and play with their friends."

"We are delighted to have the support of both the Metropolitan Police and Haringey Council as we work together to reduce levels of anti-social behaviour in Tottenham."





Sharing homes, sharing lives

The innovative Shared Lives scheme sees kind-hearted people opening up their home, their family and their lives to an adult with a physical or learning disability, offering them long or short-term support to live their life.

For those who need extra support, but don't have family on-hand to help, Shared Lives can be a great alternative to residential care.

Dhiraj, 31, has learning disabilities. When his mother died when he was just 16, he was left with no other family and needed somewhere to go. Through Shared Lives, he was matched with Divya and Chandrakant Shah and has been living with them and their three children for 15 years.

"We had been fostering young people for 25 years," says Divya. "When Shared Lives took over the programme, we thought it would be a great way to help vulnerable adults to experience an ordinary life.

"Our children were fine about it. Dhiraj is the third person to live with us and he is part of the family. Our grandchildren even call him Uncle Dhiraj."

Under the care and support of the family, Dhiraj has blossomed. "My life is very full and happy," he says. "I have been going to the Mencap Day Centre twice a week for ages and love the activities. I also love sports, especially football, swimming and ice-skating, and going to the movies, all of which I do often with the family."

Anyone interested in becoming a Shared Lives carer will go through an assessment of their skills, experience, background and property, before they are approved.

Retired social worker Divya believes "compassion, patience and empathy" are key to being a Shared Lives carer.

"We are now working towards taking in another person and I would encourage anyone who has the room and time spare to get involved," she says.

Chandrakant adds: "When Dhiraj came to us, we had to teach him the basics of reading and writing and even personal care. It was at times challenging, but it has been wonderful seeing him grow and become more independent."

Ategi Shared Lives runs Haringey's scheme on behalf of the council and offers ongoing support to carers. Shared Lives carers receive full training, along with practical and financial support.

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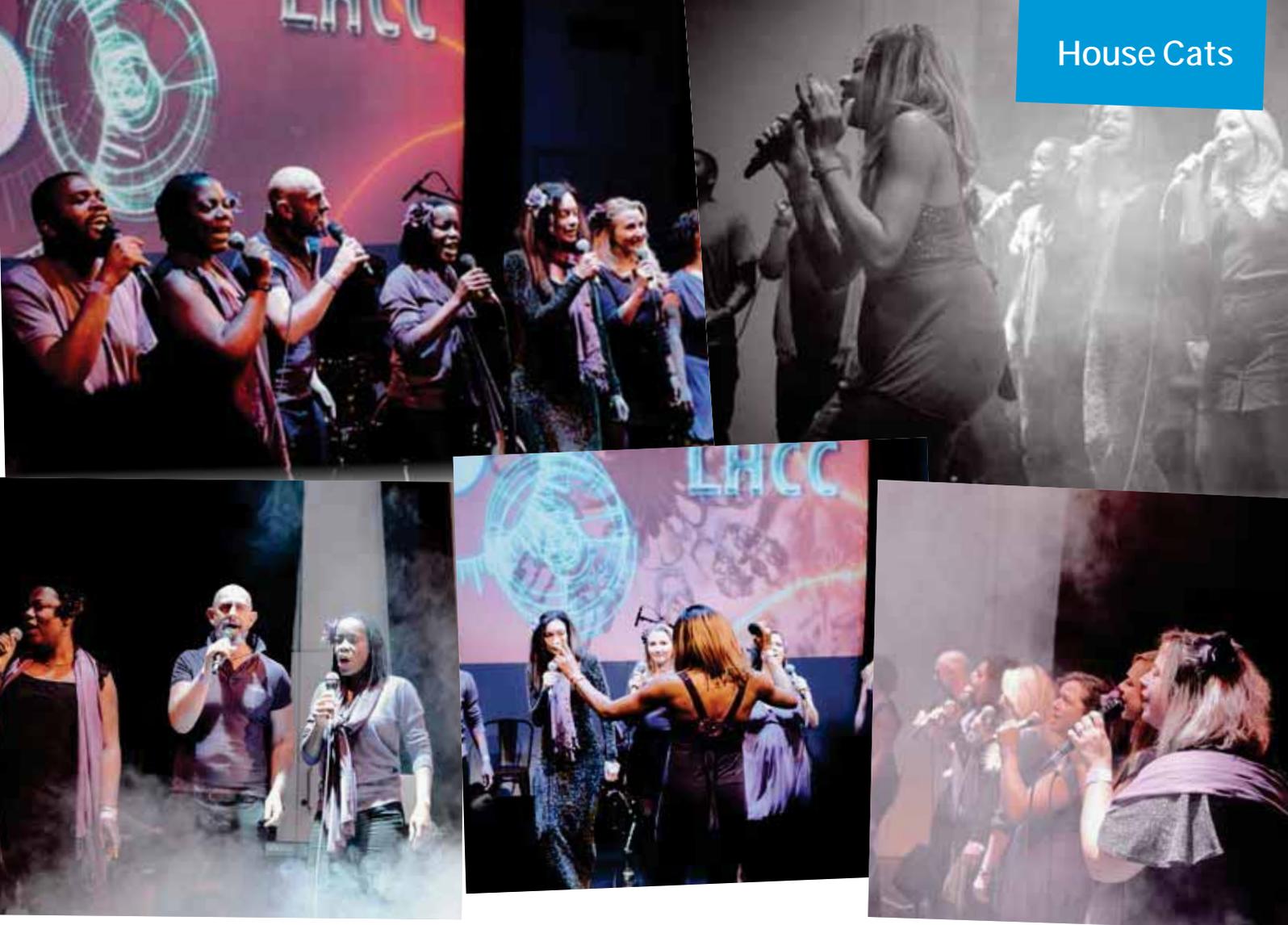


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Homes for Haringey



Singing the house down

Mention choirs and most people will imagine a large group of people, dressed in robes, singing heavenly songs at a church. But one Haringey choir group is out to dispel that myth with its unconventional approach to chorused singing.

The London House Cats Choir specialise in singing house and dance music – putting a funky spin on the genre. The choir formed three years ago, headed by Choir Director Kayo Anosike whose strong musical background includes singing, DJ-ing and being the former Head of Music at Kensington & Chelsea College.

In a short space of time, the choir has raised its profile by attending local events like the BGA summer festival and performing at local nightclubs and theatres. The highlight so far has been an appearance on the grand opening of the BBC's *Strictly Come Dancing*.

The London House Cats meet once a week at Bernie Grant Arts Centre. Each session sees Kayo lead the group

through warmups, strengthening vocal delivery and range, vocal health and improvisation skills.

“The great thing about working with the choir is seeing the level of joy it gives my choir members, and how important the choir is to many of them,” says Kayo. “Some have said it has changed their lives and given them confidence. It’s a close and supportive environment and the group has bonded and nurtured meaningful relationships.”

Finding new singers to join the choir can be a challenge because, unlike conventional choirs, the London House Cats don’t have traditional recruitment platforms such as within a church.

Kayo has turned to social media to spread the word and is always on the lookout for new members, with the only stipulation that they must have some experience of singing or past experience in a choir; it’s not for absolute beginners.

She also has big plans for the future of the choir, including increasing membership numbers and doing more to showcase the choir in mainstream media.

Membership costs £26 per month. If you’re interested in joining the London House Cats, love house and dance music and can hold a note or two, contact the choir on info.lhcc@gmail.com or visit www.londonhousecats.com

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Adrian Klemens



The field good factor

NFL megastars are heading for Haringey in October to play at the new Spurs stadium – but one American football hero has been working his magic in the borough for years.

Adrian Klemens has worked with Finsbury Park's American football team London Blitz for 20 years. He founded the Dynamic Sports Academy in 2007 to encourage young local athletes to excel and also helped form the Finsbury Park Sports Partnership, which raised funds to upgrade the sports track and keep it accessible to all.

Now he's been named Volunteer of the Year at the London Sports Awards in recognition of the impact he has had on local youngsters. "I like helping people and sport's my passion," says Adrian. "My wife and I have young kids and I'm always out coaching, so the win was for her and the family."

When Australian Adrian started coaching the Blitz in 1999 they struggled for players. Now teams range from Under-12 flag football through to successful adult teams. Adrian focuses on under-19s and in the last 10 years, 35 of his youngsters have gone to play in the US.

Ex-quarterback Adrian says: "American football is great for young people. You have to be disciplined and you need all types of people. We get bigger guys for example, who can't get a place in the soccer team, but you don't want him standing in front of you in American football. Whoever rocks up, we have a spot for them."

Dynamic Sports Academy holds athletics sessions at Finsbury Park Gym. Adrian says: "We want to give young people positive role models – 97% of DSA kids go on to higher education. We have basketballers, baseballers, roller derby. It's about belief and affecting lives in a positive way."

Ex-judo international Aaron Mahoney-Jones trained with Adrian to transform his skills to American football. Now he's playing in Kansas. He says: "A lot of young people don't have support systems like I do. Coach K is one of the greatest coaches and people I've ever been around. He has helped me reach one of my goals – to play in America. That's why he stands out to me."

- London Blitz play at Finsbury Park. It's free to watch and you can find fixtures at: londonblitz.com
- If you're interested in joining DSA, email: adrian@dynamicssportsacademy.com or you can just turn up. The first session is free. For a price list visit www.dynamicssportsacademy.com
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School Runnings

Haringey People meets two governors happy to shed light on the work they do to help schools run effectively.

"I thought it was about turning up at the school every once in a while and handing out pens – I was most certainly wrong about that."

Roger Knight is reflecting on 10 years as Chair of Governors at Crowlands Primary School, Tottenham.

Every school in Haringey has a board of governors, who make strategic decisions about the running and future of the school – from staffing issues and student discipline to how money is spent.

There are normally around 12-15 governors at a school, including a chair, who works closely with the headteacher. A board will typically be made up of elected parent and teacher governors, a governor selected by the council and a range of others with different skills and specialist knowledge.

"Being a governor can be quite demanding," Roger explains. "You have to spend time getting to know the school, getting to know what it is like to run a school. We need people who want to contribute to their community and are in it for the long term. It's not something you can just do for a year and expect to make a contribution."

"But it is most certainly worth it. Being able to contribute to a school and its community, and being part of any improvement and achievements, is hugely rewarding."

Marilyn Francis, who has been a governor at Broadwaters Inclusive Learning Community for eight years and Chair of Governors for four, agrees.

"It's really interesting and really fun. You get to meet lots of people from different walks of life", she says.

"It is also a really varied role. One minute you are in an assembly, watching a performance by children, the next you are in a meeting about finance and then you might be dealing with a safeguarding issue."

"There's no doubt about it – it's a really busy job but it's a varied job and you get a lot back from it."



Being a Governor involves:

- Attending around six full governors meetings a year (as well as preparing for these meetings). There are also specialist sub-committee meetings
- Visiting the school at least once or twice a year
- Working as part of a team. Qualifications are not required, but teamwork is essential
- Being in it for the long haul. A typical term is four years and many governors remain in post for much longer

If you think you have what it takes to be a governor, visit www.haringey.gov.uk/governors for more information.



STEMsational learning at Haringey schools

From coding to robotics, students across Haringey have been showcasing their exceptional skills in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM).

At Greig City Academy, visiting primary school pupils made their own robots with the help of older students and staff.

The day was part of a wider programme organised by the Hornsey-based school, which is helping around 12 local primary schools learn about robotics – loaning them equipment and offering the support and advice of students throughout the year.

July will see them host a competition day with primary school pupils returning for a chance to have their robot crowned the best in the borough.

The award-winning robotics team at Greig City have had a bumper year so far, winning 14 trophies, five championships and three robot skills awards.

At Park View School, all-girls computing club Tech Girls took part in a Day of Tech at the headquarters of online fashion giants ASOS, where they created websites and apps to promote sustainability. Students matched their imaginations to some very clever technology to produce immersive and creative projects, which they then had the opportunity to “sell” to a Dragons’ Den style panel.

I received lots of invaluable advice about being a woman in STEM. These subjects are quite male-dominated but there are a lot of women working in these fields, there's just not the exposure.

Samira Ali, computing teacher at the Tottenham school, said: "Students had an amazing day and went home with new knowledge, an insight into one of the biggest fashion websites in the UK and many goodies."

Flying the Haringey STEM flag across the Atlantic, Haringey Sixth Form student Tahanni Hussein was hand-picked to attend a prestigious technology convention in California after entering a competition to promote STEM subjects to fellow students.

In addition to penning her own technology blog, Tahanni did presentations on STEM to Year 10 pupils, who were so inspired by what they heard that Tahanni was flown to the convention.

"It was the first time I've travelled alone and it was amazing," she said.

"I received lots of invaluable advice about being a woman in STEM. These subjects are quite male-dominated but there are a lot of women working in these fields, there's just not the exposure."

Alexandra Park School has also been busy with STEM, with Maths students scooping a haul of seven gold, 36 silver and 39 bronze medals at the 2018 Intermediate Mathematical Challenge.

Fifty year seven students from the school also visited the Big Bang Fair at the NEC, where they watched live performances, joined in with experiments and got information on a range of careers in Maths, Science and Engineering.

There are close to three million jobs in the UK that demand STEM skills, with the vast majority in industries that are expected to grow significantly in the coming years. The Haringey STEM commission was launched in the borough in 2015 with the aim of investigating barriers to STEM and making recommendations for raising interest, attainment and access to STEM opportunities.

To find out more about the STEM commission visit: stemcommission.org.uk



Play



Sun-drenched fun at
Weekend of Play



From skipping to scooting and face-painting to frisbee, children and families across Haringey had fun in the first sunshine of the year at the 2018 Weekend of Play.

Streets across the borough were closed to traffic as children flocked to play freely outdoors, while a host of special events were staged at schools and parks.

Highlights of the action-packed weekend included:

- Haringey Play Association adventure play, with big swings, giant slides and games
- Dance workshops at Downhills Park
- Tennis, basketball and mini-tennis at Albert Road Rec
- Giant board games in Bowes Park
- Family rounders and cricket at Lordship Rec
- Wheely Tots balance bikes, chalking and story time at Lordship Rec
- Alexandra Palace treasure hunt
- Pedal Power at Finsbury Park
- Sensory and messy play at Markfield Park
- Hula hooping and ball games at Commerce Road Ball Court
- Giant rabbit design and spring planting day led by Furtherfield gallery at Finsbury Park
- Tottenham Hotspur fitness football sessions at Lordship Rec
- A Pollination Party at Tottenham Green Market
- A dance celebration at Highgate Wood

Alexandra Palace saw the biggest turnout, with more than 200 participants enjoying a treasure hunt and explorers' trail around the park, organised by Friends of Alexandra Palace and volunteers.

The Weekend of Play is supported by Haringey's Obesity Alliance, which aims to tackle childhood obesity in a fun and practical way by promoting healthier living.



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To foster is to care

Haringey People meets local resident Jan Jenkins, who became a foster carer three years ago after giving up her full-time job for health reasons.

A former probation officer and director of a third sector organisation, Jan has so far taken on two foster placements – a family of three siblings who she looked after on a short respite basis, and a teenager who is still living with her as a care leaver under the national 'Staying Put' scheme.

"I was going to be spending more time at home and wanted to do something worthwhile," says Jan. "Initially I only wanted to foster four to 11 year olds, but my first placement was a family of three children aged 11, six and one, which was obviously quite demanding and a different experience.

"And now I have a teenager living with me, which has also been quite eye-opening!"

Jan now works part-time alongside her fostering commitments. She is offered ongoing specialist support and training and also goes to support groups aimed at foster carers.

"I still get lots of support and am regularly in touch with my social worker, even though the teenager staying with me has left care now," she says.

"I'm really pleased I made the decision to become a foster carer and would urge anyone who is thinking about it to give it a go.

"Of course it has been demanding and challenging, but I have really enjoyed it. I've learned a lot about myself as well as lots of new skills. The rewards far outweigh any challenges."

To be a foster carer, you will need a spare room and the energy and enthusiasm to offer support to a child. You can be married, single or in a relationship; straight, gay or lesbian and it doesn't matter how old you are of if you have a disability.

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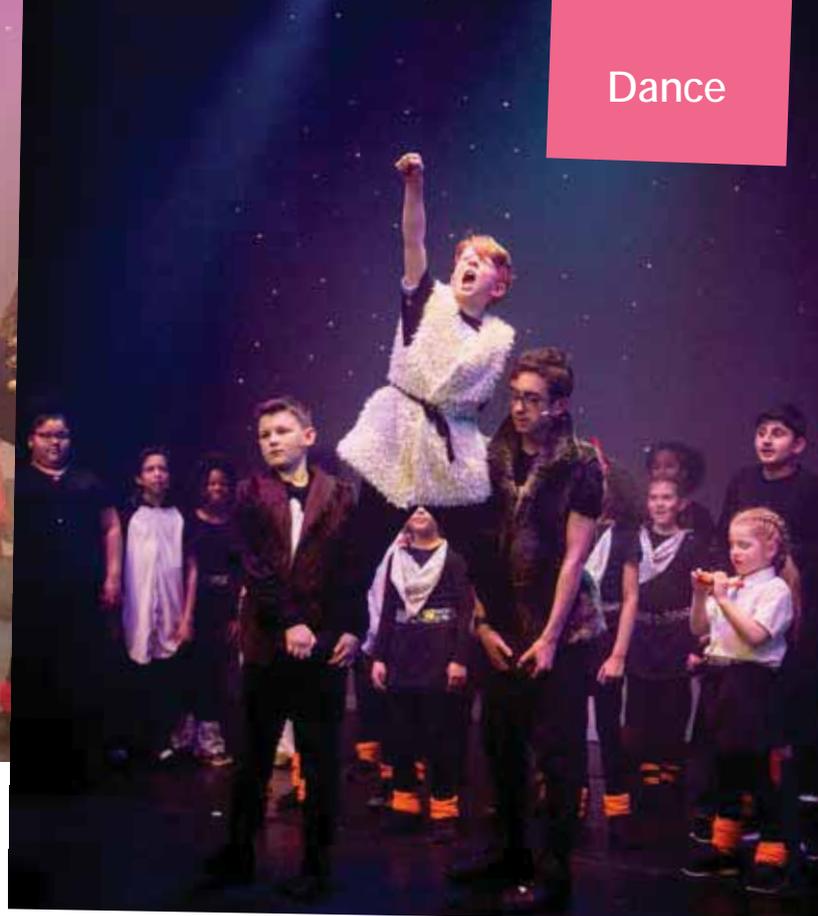


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Taking it to the Streetz

Tucked away in a corner of Bruce Grove, a performing arts group is inspiring local children and young people to express themselves through dance. Specialising in street dance and performing arts, Streetz Ahead provides dance classes to school children across the borough.

Fuelled with a passion for dancing coupled with a commitment to supporting local children, artistic director Elizabeth Lahav created Streetz Ahead after graduating with a degree in Education and Dance. The ethos of her group is to use performance as a platform for local children to build their confidence, self-esteem and life skills.

Approximately 400 children a week take part in Streetz Ahead, with clubs set up in a number of local schools – offering a safe and familiar environment for the children to learn in.

Groups enjoy 10 weeks of lessons that, rather than focusing on grades or competitions, work towards an end-of-term performance. There is even the chance for children to take part in three shows a year – written and produced by Elizabeth – to be performed at a professional theatre.

"It's something that the kids can work towards," says Elizabeth. "Their moment of coming on stage is where they can have all the attention and get that amazing self confidence that is invaluable. You can't put a price on it."

Streetz Ahead groups have trodden the boards at venues including Alexandra Palace, Hackney Empire, the Millfield

Theatre, Bernie Grant Arts Centre and the West End's Hippodrome, while their festival appearances include the Haringey Youth Arts festival and the Alexandra Palace summer festival.

Elizabeth adds: "The students enjoy being part of a family. There are children here from many different types of backgrounds and dance is the place that they feel safe enough to express themselves."

With a commitment to keeping fees affordable and removing financial barriers to taking part, the group relies on fundraising and grants to keep running. It also calls on an army of volunteers to ensure smooth running on performance days.

Children interested in signing up for Streetz Ahead can join through their school or online at www.streetzahead.org

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Community projects take centre stage

Following a successful year of events and activities at Finsbury park, with more to come this summer, the council's £35,000 environmental impact fund is helping pay for a raft of community schemes.

The special fund is in addition to income spent on park maintenance and improvements such as the new playground equipment.

Pedal Power

An all-inclusive cycling club for children and adults with learning disabilities, Pedal Power offers free cycling sessions, including bicycle and tricycle training for complete beginners; games to improve cycling skills, and specialised bikes to cater for a range of disability.

Pedal Power has been awarded a £10,950 grant to invest in a range of new bikes and support additional training staff at busy sessions to make cycling even more enjoyable for even more people.

ParkRun

More than 400 eager exercisers take part in ParkRun's Finsbury Park Saturday sessions. Their £600 grant will help improve storage facilities, first aid equipment, signage and the PA system.

Furtherfield Gallery

Furtherfield Gallery's £10,000 grant will support efforts to make the gallery even more family-friendly and accessible to more local residents and international visitors. Investment will be made in family adventure kits, making

more resources available online and supporting two major exhibitions.

Edible Landscapes

The £9,950 grant to Edible Landscapes will help fund a pilot project to offer more training for people to try their hand at creating edible spaces. Park locations will be used for forest gardening training, increasing biodiversity, food production and education – and help Edible Landscapes bid for match funding for a sustainable future.

The Boat Yard

The boat yard cabin will be given an attractive new wood-clad appearance thanks to a £2,500 grant.

Finsbury Park Sports Partnership

Walkers and joggers will be able to better track their progress through the park with new distance markers along key routes, thanks to a £1,000 grant to the Finsbury Park Sports Partnership.

This summer will see more major events at Finsbury Park. For full listings, further information on how income supports the park and to find out how to apply to hold a community event at the park, visit: www.haringey.gov.uk/finsburyparkevents



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Paying thanks to Haringey's Unsung Women

Community champions and local volunteers were amongst the many whose contribution to the borough was honoured at the 2018 Haringey Unsung Women's Awards.

The event saw women from across Haringey come together to celebrate International Women's Day, mark the centenary of women's suffrage and reflect on the role that women play in helping to make Haringey a better borough.

Guests at the event – which was supported by local biking business Zenith Motorcycles founder Karen Neill and organised by former Mayor of Haringey Cllr Sheila Peacock – were treated to live music and dance performances from local groups including Haringey Vox young singers.

Each of the nominated guests was presented with a certificate of thanks, handed to them by Deputy Mayor of London and Enfield and Haringey

London Assembly Member Joanne McCartney.

Those to be given awards included youth justice volunteers; church and community centre volunteers; community activists; residents' association leaders, and outgoing female councillors who were being thanked for their contribution to Haringey ahead of standing down at this summer local elections.

Haringey's Unsung Women's Award recipients 2018:

Jean Brown; Marie Henry; Heather Lewis; Kathleen Nyland; Jean Fletcher; Maureen Winford; Tina Costello; Rachella Sinclair; Melanie Whittaker; Fatima Ferriera; Rebecca Ellis; Maria

Gerlando; Barbara Cordwell; Kate Worley; Maureen Towerzy; Jenny Bailey; Andrea Archer; Bukola Nola; Charlie Bailey; Holly Westbrook; Daniella Davidson-James; Michelle Williams; Susan Husbands; Councillor Barbara Blake

Former councillors: Sarah Elliott; Clare Bull; Joanna Christophides; Claire Kober; Lorna Reith; Toni Mallett; Ann Waters; Jennifer Mann; Bernice Vanier

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Taking local action on plastics waste

This summer, Muswell Hill sustainability Group (MHSG) is campaigning to persuade local people and businesses to join the fight against plastic pollution and cut-out single-use plastics – including cups, bottle, bags other all-too-prolific products.

The horrific impact of plastics on marine life was made clear by the BBC's Blue Planet 2 series, and a talk given to MHSG by contributing scientist Dr Steve Simpson last autumn. Action is needed fast.

MHSG volunteers are visiting Muswell Hill cafes and restaurants to ask them to call time on supplying single-use plastic cups, bottles, straws, stirrers, food containers and bags. They are also appealing to local residents to shun these products by making a pledge to use reusable alternatives and help keep our oceans clean.

Stylish bamboo coffee cups and lightweight metal water bottles are available to use on the go, while many retailers are joining the Mayor of London's Refill campaign to welcome you in for free tap water – keep an eye out for the 'Refill' sticker in shop windows, and download the Refill app to find your nearest Refill points.

MHSG also hope to see more water fountains in Haringey's open spaces to help thirsty walkers, shoppers and joggers keep hydrated without discarding the average three plastic bottles per person, per week.

Talk: Monday, June 18, 8pm, Muswell Hill Methodist Church, 28 Pages Lane, N10

Paula Owen from Green Gumption will talk about the national #PointlessPlastics campaign

Stall: Saturday, June 23, 1-5pm, St James' Square, Muswell Hill, N10

Pop-by the MHSG stall at Midsummer Muswell

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The Lost Files

Artist Al Johnson has carved a reputation as a politically engaged sculptor, with work that considers recent history and the interplay between politics, power and the collective memory.

Her latest installation – The Lost Files – opened at Bruce Castle Museum last month and is a moving exploration of the experience of conscientious objectors of the First World War.

Haringey was home to 350 conscientious objectors, who refused to participate in the War for moral, religious or political reasons. Al's work offers a glimpse into how it might have felt – at great personal risk – to stand against the conventions of society.

The Lost Files installation features 12 white wooden containers that could be the drawers from lost filing cabinets – each exploring an aspect of war resistance through a variety of media including sculpture, found objects, sound, archive material and photographs.

"These are people who knew at the time that the war would be terrible, and they were prepared to lay down their lives and risk imprisonment and torture in order to avoid killing others," says Al. "It's really important to remember that it took real bravery for people to stand up in this way."

One drawer contains 16,000 individual white feathers in a poignant tribute to the estimated 16,000 conscientious objectors across the country.

"Art is about an emotional response," explains Al. "There's a huge amount of coverage of the First World War, but very little about those people who questioned what was going to happen."

"You can't tell the whole story, but I wanted each box to give a sense of the perspective and experience of these people, and for people to ask themselves what they would do if they were expected to participate in warfare."

The Lost Files – on display Wednesday to Saturday until September 23 – is part of the project Conscientious Objectors Remembered – the Hidden History of Haringey's WW1 COs, by the Haringey First World War Peace Forum. The group researches the lives of conscientious objectors and their supporters in Hornsey, Tottenham and Wood Green.

The project is supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund as part of the First World War Then and Now programme.

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Council meetings

Meetings are normally held in the Civic Centre, High Road, Wood Green, N22 and are open to the public.

Meeting times, dates and locations can change; for up to date information, check www.haringey.gov.uk/meetings

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Council Meetings

June

Planning Sub-committee

Monday 11, 7pm

Scrutiny Panels A & B

Tuesday 19, 7pm

Staffing and Remuneration Committee

Monday 25, 7pm

Cabinet

Tuesday 26, 6.30pm

July

Scrutiny Panels C & D

Monday 2, 7pm

Corporate Parenting Advisory Committee

Monday 2, 7.15pm

Regulatory Committee

Thursday 5, 7pm

Planning Sub-committee

Monday 9, 7pm

Corporate Committee

Monday 9, 7pm

Standards Committee

Tuesday 10, 7pm

Alexandra Palace & Park Board

Tuesday 10, 7.30pm

Haringey Schools Forum

Thursday 12, 4pm

Licensing Sub-committee

Thursday 12, 7pm

Full Council

Monday 16, 7.30pm

Cabinet

Tuesday 17, 6.30pm

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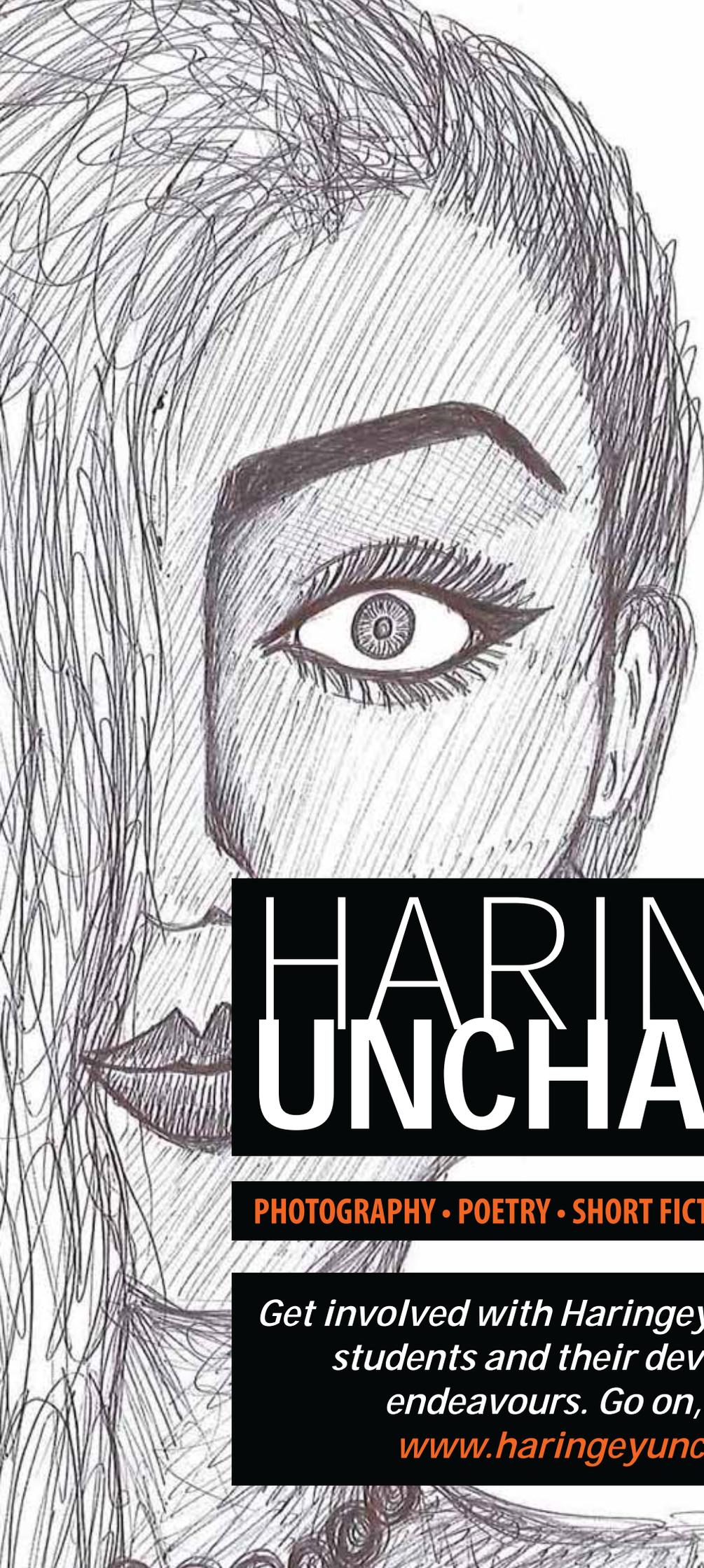
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Among the many highlights of this year's event will be a cartoon arts festival and a screening of '80s classic film Footloose.

Staying with the Hollywood theme, there will also be a 'music from the movies' concert featuring a host of hits from well-loved films.

This year's event sees the return of the legendary 'Red Herring' game, sending eagle-eyed hunters searching among Crouch End shops for an elusive prize.

Pick up a bargain at the craft market, with more than 30 stalls showcasing local arts and crafts, or tuck into tasty food from gourmet bites to cheap and cheerful grub.

The festival will culminate with a chilled out family fun day, giving everyone the chance to unwind and relax with music, face painting, singalong and baby yoga.

Crouch End Festival is a community-based project run by a small team of volunteers and funded by local businesses and people.

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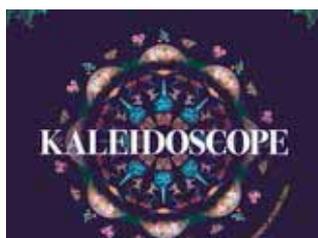
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The Secret Spycop's Ball

**Sunday, July 8
8pm**

A comedy benefit for Police Spies Out Of Lives, a campaigning support group for women deceived into abusive relationships with undercover police officers infiltrating social justice campaigns. Featuring Stewart Lee, Evelyn Mok, Mark Steel and Rob Newman.

£16 (£10 concessions)

Check Up: Our NHS at 70

**Monday, July 9
8pm**

Mark Thomas is 54, the NHS is 70, UK national average life expectancy is 84. If Mark makes it to 84, the NHS will be 100; what will they both look like? Based on a series of interviews with leading experts in and on the NHS and residencies in hospitals and surgeries and with director Nick Kent, Thomas uses his own demise to explore the state we're in.

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**Friday, June 8
12pm**

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Session, Bernie Grant Arts Centre

Session

**June 22-30
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MARKETS

There is a range of markets on offer in Haringey – with stalls including local traders, food and drink direct from suppliers and arts and crafts.

Alexandra Palace Farmers' Market

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Muswell Hill entrance, foot of Muswell Hill, N10

Tottenham Green Market

**Sundays
11am-4pm**

Tottenham Green, Town Hall Approach Road, N15



Other Events

Midsummer Muswell Hill

**Saturday, 23 June
1-5pm**

Midsummer Muswell Hill returns for its fourth year in St James Square and St James Church. Entertainment on the day will include live music, a brass band, local dance groups and the ever-popular market. A new attraction this year is the opportunity to join in with the making of Muswell Hill's first community mosaic sculpture.

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