

BIG LOCAL



NEWS

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...Winter 2022...

BLACKHORSE ROAD STATION MOSAICS



You may have noticed the beautiful mosaic roundel on the wall at Walthamstow Central station. We are happy to announce that the Blackhorse Road station will also have its own mosaic roundel, and many small ones to boot. Turn to page 2 to read more.

Blackhorse Road station mosaics are ready

Walthamstow artist Maud Milton (www.artyface.co.uk) is well known for creating the mosaics of the iconic London Overground roundel at South Tottenham, Highams Park, Walthamstow, Chingford, and Leyton stations among others

A new set of roundels have now been crafted and prepared for Blackhorse Road station. It will be the first time they feature in the London Underground. The roundels have been co-funded by William Morris Big Local, London Borough Waltham Forest, Taylor Wimpey and High Street Ward Councillor Funding.

The roundels at each station are specific to their location and they celebrate the local cultural, industrial and wildlife heritage.



Mini roundels ready to be attached to the pillars

The roundels will be installed at the station in December. A large roundel will be hung inside the station whilst a series of small roundels will be mounted on the concrete pillars at the rear entrance to form a mini gallery

If you are interested in finding all mosaic art pieces created by Maud Milton in our neighbourhood, you can follow her on Instagram @maudmilton.



Maud Milton (middle) with Blackhorse Road station staff

Each roundel has words and imagery chosen for that particular sign by the local community and is made of handcrafted, glazed tiles that will last for decades.

Local residents, schools and community groups took part in creating the hundreds of pieces required for each creation.



One of the hundreds of clay pieces made by the residents



School children had a chance to decorate pieces

Community events and some of the projects during 2022

This year has been a wonderful mix of community projects, events and achievements. Life slowly started to come back to normal in the spring, and it certainly felt wonderful to celebrate William Morris's birthday by having a tea party with the whole community outside the William Morris Gallery.

This was also time for a fresh round of Green Grants, which have been funding the outdoor spaces improvements in the ward. Sign up to our e-news if you want to know when the next grants are available.



William Morris Tea Party where we served cakes to the community



Andy and Chris know how to fix and sharpen all kinds of tools

Tool Library is two years old!

Walthamstow Tool Library has now over 200 members with another 150 interested members who will sign up upon their first tool loan.

The free Tool Library events have been amazing this year, including herb walks, planter making workshops, willow basket making, cyanotype, balcony planter building, apple pressing and cider making courses.

You do not have to have a garden to join in, so sign in to the Tool Library e-news to find out about next year's events.

Over 100 people came to visit the Tool Library during their second anniversary event. Activities included tool sharpening, bike maintenance, Kimchi making, apple pressing and cyanotype prints.

Interested in finding out more? Visit the Tool Library website: tools@frpuk.org.

William Morris Design Line

Shining a light on local creatives and celebrating community power were at the heart of the 3rd annual William Morris Design Line.

The week long programme that took place in September saw 30 venues offering a host of activities and experiences for people to explore their creativity and find out new things about the local area.

From window galleries and crafty events to pop up workshops and meet the artist days, the Design Line route connected Blackhorse Lane to Wood Street via Forest Road and was part of the London Design Festival.

Delivered in partnership with Wood Street Walls
<https://www.wmdesignline.com>



"Our Power Is...." - one of many pop up creative installations during the Design Line week

Annual Community Meeting

Our Annual Community Meeting was in October, where we had a chance to thank all volunteers and community champions for their wonderful help in the community.



Youth Club came to show their art work



Thank you to all who came and joined the fun



Spray painting sessions were very popular

Autumn Youth Club in Fellowship Square

Instead of having an Autumn half-term Youth Club, our volunteers and youth workers worked hard to provide activities for all families in Walthamstow.

During the half-term week in Fellowship Square, there were all kinds of activities including circus skills, painting, Halloween games, sports and lantern and candle making, mini spray paint sessions and more.

An especially big thank you to our sessional youth worker Georgia who made sure that the event was such a success!

This event was partly funded by Waltham Forest council.

Free Multicultural Celebration event

5th of November was a perfect time to celebrate our multicultural community by hosting a stage show in the Big Creative Academy theatre. Shows included Sri Lankan, Albanian, and Morris dancing, Tai Chi performance, singing and poetry. Thank you to Walthamstow Mayor Karen Bellamy for visiting the event, and all performers and volunteers without whom this event would not have been possible.



Sabapathy Vidyalayam Tamil students' performance



Craft room activities were popular

No Pasarán tenth anniversary documentary



No pasarán documentary was created to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the residents of Walthamstow coming together to defend its multicultural community from the fascist EDL.

This film was funded by the William Morris Big Local Community Chest fund, filmed by Napier Films and We Are Waltham Forest, and directed by Naomi Soneye-Thomas and Sophie Bolt.

You can now watch the documentary on our website. Link here:
<https://wmbiglocal.org/project/no-pasaran-documentary>

WATCH VIDEO



The Future You Want hip hop music video



The Digital Story Company's The Future You Want project involved residents from Priory Court Housing Estate crafting and filming their own spoken word performance. The result is a hip hop music video called "Freedom".

Participants worked with MC and hip hop artist ShayD, award-winning musician and composer Rex Horan and Emmy award-winning producer Kate Hampel in a three-session bootcamp as well as one-on-one mentoring.

The project is funded by Clarion Futures and Urban By Nature Community Power Fund. To watch the video, go to https://bit.ly/dsc_freedom

New Tool Library Priory Court resident membership

Walthamstow Tool Library (WTL) is happy to announce a special membership for their local neighbours in Priory Court. Priory Court has been a beloved home to the tool library for over two years now, high time to give something back by offering a family discount: For £10 a year, they'll get access to over 350 tools.

Joining the tool library lowers the cost of buying tools, saves precious space and reduces carbon footprint. Although hundreds of families on the estate do not have access to a garden, we see lots of balconies, window sills and forgotten nooks in the neighbourhood, yet to be planted. WTL loves to encourage as many people to grow their own – which is why we also run a free seed library: Bring your excess seeds and get others to try out new crops! Register on our website or visit us during our opening times.



**PRIORY COURT
RESIDENT
MEMBERSHIP**
£10 A YEAR

Get all the tools you need
Save storage & money
Borrow, don't buy!

07933710644
2a Priory Court

 Walthamstow Tool Library
tools@frpuk.org



**TOOL
SHARPENING**

**SPECIAL OFFER
KITCHEN KNIVES £2**

Book your kitchen knife sharpening now

Tool and knife Sharpening service

Sharpening can be a risky business and requires the right tools. WTL offers a sharpening service for both members and non-members.

When it's getting colder, wetter, darker, and your tools are less likely to be in action, it's the best time to give them some care. If well looked after, tools will have a better chance to live a long and happy life.

Keeping your cutting tools sharp might help you live a happier life too, as the chance of cutting yourself by accident decreases drastically.

What's more, cutting or pruning with dull blades results in damaged branches, making your plants more susceptible to disease.

We have a very special offer for kitchen knives: Get your knives sharpened for only £2 each – with no limitation on numbers. Get in touch and tell us about your sharpening needs: tools@frpuk.org.



WALTHAMSTOW TOOL LIBRARY
TOOLS@FRPUK.ORG | @WALTHAMSTOWTOOLLIBRARY
WWW.FRPUK.ORG/COMMUNITY-WORK/TOOLS



Community Living Rooms in William Morris area



An amazing number of community groups across the borough are stepping up to run Community Living Rooms and Kitchens as part of the soon to launch Winter Spaces Network.

These will provide council and community venues which you are welcome to visit this winter to keep warm, socialise, enjoy warm food, and access important services. We will share further information about these spaces in the coming weeks. Visit website walthamforest.gov.uk/winter-spaces for more information.

William Morris Big Local at Priory Court Community Centre, E17 5NB

Opening times: Coming soon. Website: www.wmbiglocal.org/

Walthamstow Salvation Army, 434 Forest Road, E17 4PY

Opening times: Coming soon. Website: www.salvationarmy.org.uk/walthamstow

William Morris Gallery, Lloyd Park, 352 Forest Road, E17 4PP

Opening times: The gallery opens Tues–Sun 10am–5pm. Website: www.wmgallery.org.uk/

Higham Hill Library, North Countess Road, E17 5HS

Open Monday, Thursday and Friday 10am–6pm, Saturday 10am–4pm. Website:

www.walthamforest.gov.uk/libraries/local-libraries/higham-hill-library

Walthamstow Library, High Street Walthamstow, E17 7JN

Open Mon–Friday: 9am–7pm, Saturday 9am–6pm, Sunday 10am–4pm. Website:

www.walthamforest.gov.uk/libraries/local-libraries/walthamstow-library

Free Games Club every Tuesday

Our popular free of charge Games Club continues to meet every Tuesday 2pm–5pm in 434 Forest Rd, E17 4PY, access through the Salvation Army charity shop. We play games accessible to everyone, including Uno, Scrabble, Chess, and Chequers and Domino.

Refreshments provided. All ages are welcome, and under 16s can attend accompanied by an adult.



The Games Club will be open until 13th December 2022 and will start again on 10th January 2023.



William Morris ward is a great place to live in

Ward councillors represent William Morris ward residents to the council. Do you have a local issue/concern you need addressing? Talk to Jack, Kizzy or Grace!

Cllr Jack Phipps's drop-in sessions are every 2nd Saturday of every month (10.00–11.00am) at the William Morris Community Centre, 6–8 Greenleaf Rd, E17 6QQ.

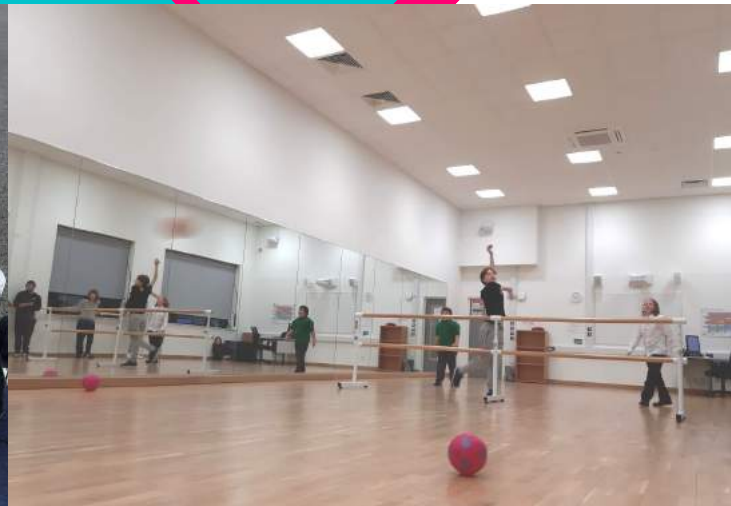
Cllr Kizzy Gardiner drop-in sessions are every 1st Saturday of every month (10.00–11.00am) at Priory Court Community Centre, 11 Priory Court, E17 5NB.

Cllr Grace Williams's drop-in sessions are every 3rd Saturday of every month (10.00–11.00am) in the Town Hall foyer, Fellowship Square, Forest Road, E17 4JF.

YOUNG LOCAL

WELCOME TO YOUTH CLUB!

WE WANT TO SHOW YOU SOME OF THE ACTIVITIES WE HAVE DONE OVER THE YEAR THROUGH A SELECTION OF PHOTOGRAPHS WE HAVE SELECTED. SOME WERE ONE-OFF WORKSHOPS AND SOME WE DO EVERY WEEK. AT YOUTH CLUB WE DO A VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES FROM ARTS AND CRAFTS TO SPORTS. MOST POPULAR ARE PING-PONG, DODGEBALL AND SPRAY PAINTING. WE ALSO HAVE ACCESS TO A TV SCREEN IN OUR CHILL OUT ROOM WHERE WE CAN WATCH MOVIES.



YOUTH CLUB TAKES PLACE ON THURSDAY 5:30-7:30PM
DURING TERM TIME AT
BIG CREATIVE ACADEMY, CLIFTON AVENUE, E17 6HL
TO FIND OUT MORE, CONTACT
YOUTH@WMBIGLOCAL.ORG

**BISCUIT
DECORATING**



**DUNGEONS
AND
DRAGONS**

**LEARNING TO
FACE PAINT**



Circus Skills

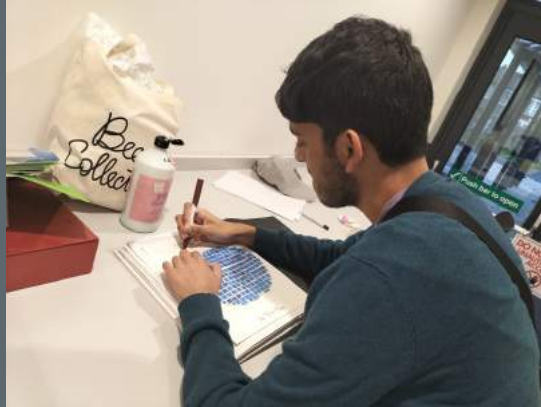


**Spray
Painting**

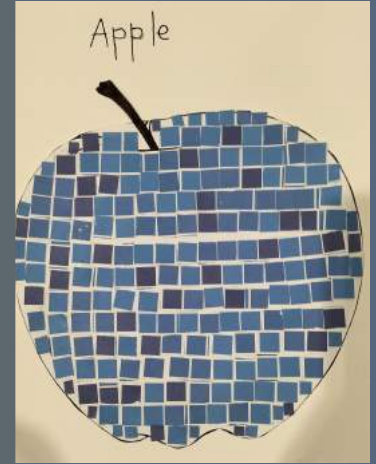


**Painting and
Cyanotype**





Art By Tahir Khan



PRIZE WORDSEARCH FOR UNDER 12s



Winter wordsearch

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CHILLY
WIND
ICE
GLOVES
MITTENS
SOCKS
JUMPER
SCARF

BOOTS
ICICLE
SLEET
HAT
COLD
SNOW
FROZEN

To enter, please email a photo of the solved page to milla@wmbiglocal.org or post the page to William Morris Big Local, Big Creative Academy, 38 Clifton Avenue, Walthamstow E17 6HL.

Remember to add in your contact details!

Did you find all the answers? One correct entry picked at random before 1st February will win a Sodo pizza giftcard. Thank you Sodo in E17 for your support!





Mohammed Nasim Khan 12.12.1938 - 06.11.2022

Our community sadly lost a pillar on Sunday 6th November 2022, when Mohammed Nasim Khan died in London Royal Hospital due to a Cardiac Failure. Mr Khan had been in ICU for four weeks after a fall from the top of the stairs.

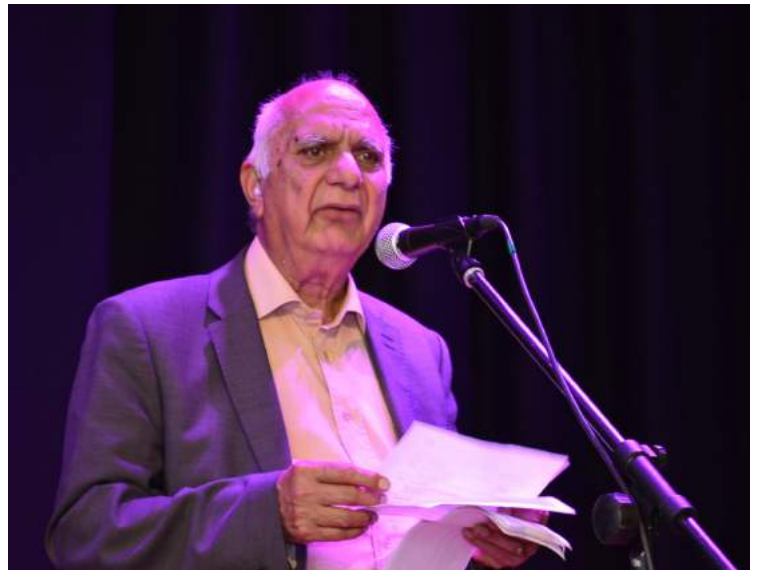
Mr Khan's talents were many. He was a beloved husband and father, and a community volunteer.

His contributions to the lives of many include being a William Morris Big Local Partnership member, a chairperson to Voluntary Action Waltham Forest, and to the 50+ Elderly Asian Club.

Mr Khan organised computer classes for the elderly, exercise classes, health seminars, and cultural events for the community.

Mr Khan was also involved with the Day Care Centre, William Morris community and helped with the Rukhsana Khan Foundation foodbank.

Mr Khan was born in Pakistan 12.12.1938, and came to England in 1960. He worked as a Civil Engineer and a Councillor for Waltham Forest Borough.



William Morris Big Local will not be the same without him. Partnership chair Chrys Christy wished to say these words:

"Mr Khan embodied community spirit and was such a huge part of our community. It was a honour to work alongside Mr Khan in all our projects. He had so many ideas and was always talking about what else we could do. Mr Khan will be sorely missed and leaves a huge void in our lives."



Mr Khan was married to Late Rukhsana Khan, who sadly passed away in September 2013.

He is survived by three sons: Jahangir Khan, Tauqir Khan, and Balal Khan; two daughters: Nayma Moreea and Anser Khan; and fourteen grandchildren.

His legacy will live on in the hearts and minds of everyone he interacted with as well as those he reached but never met.

Donations in Mr Khan's memory can be made to Rukhsana Khan Foundation Food Bank.

Rukhsana Khan Foundation:
<https://www.rukhsanakhanfoundation.org>
rukhsanakhanfoundation@outlook.com /
07980351351

William Morris Ward Residents Association

If you would like your opinions to be heard by local ward councillors and have the chance to influence what happens in your community, then please join one of our Residents' Association meetings!

Meetings take place 5-6 times per year in person at venues in the ward, with the option to join via Zoom. Ward councillors and the Safer Neighbourhoods Team are regular attendees.



Next Resident Association meetings are on:

Wednesday 25 January 2023, 7.00-8.30pm @ Priory Court Community Centre, 11 Priory Court, E17 5NB

Wednesday 29 May 2023, 7.00-8.30pm @ Salvation Army Building, 434 Forest Road, E17 4PY

Wednesday 26 July 2023, 7.00-8.30pm @ Priory Court Community Centre, 11 Priory Court, E17 5NB

Email williammorrisra@gmail.com to join the mailing list and book your place

We hope that you enjoyed our community newsletter!

Thank you to Aston Group for helping with the collection from the printers and to all volunteers for delivering them to the community.



Walthamstow Food Bank locations

Whether you need to use a food bank or wish to donate to one, here are the local ones:

Eat or Heat:

Quaker House, 1A Jewel Road, London E17 4QU

www.eatorheat.org / 0800 772 0212

Rukhsana Khan Foundation:

<https://www.rukhsanakhanfoundation.org>
rukhsanakhanfoundation@outlook.com / 07980351351

PL84U AL SUFFA:

Monday & Wednesday 12-2pm

Epicentre

41 West Street, Leytonstone, E11 4LJ

www.pl84ualsuffa.co.uk

07539 364 110

The Lloyd Park Children's Charity Baby Bank:

<https://www.tlpcc.org.uk/baby-bank/>

Email babybank@tlpcc.org.uk



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JOIN THE VOLUNTEER PARTNERSHIP TEAM**

A resident-led initiative that supports, runs and funds projects in the William Morris Area to make a lasting positive difference to our area and the people who live here

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