

# MASBRO SUMMER PARTY



**PICTURE THIS:** Deputy mayor Alex Karmel unveils the mural at the Masbro centre, while Diaz Ojuederie goes for tiger stripes (below). Right: Juawn Dwyer and Shanai Campbell  
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## Last blast of the hols

- ▶ The long summer break is over for H&F youngsters
- ▶ A party was held for 120 kids at the Masbro Centre to send them back smiling

**SIMONA SIKIMIC**

THE end of the school summer holidays is not an occasion many youngsters want to celebrate.

But a host of children put on a brave face

to make it a happy time at a Shepherds Bush centre that has been entertaining them for many years.

The Masbro Centre, in Masbro Road, held a party to mark the end of the holidays.

The festivities included group dance performances by five to six year olds, the unveiling of a mural the kids had been working on all summer, exhibits of art and pottery and a lively karaoke session.

The 120 children aged 5-12 who come to use the centre's excellent facilities enjoyed the last of the summer alongside many parents. Kaysha Campbell, 30, a Peabody Estate



**WAITING LINE:** Issa Bangura, Joshua Jocotipelly, and Raymond, Danny and Javell Simpson prepare for the Masbro dance

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resident, watched daughter Shanai, six, take part in the dance performance.

“Shanai has been so excited. She talks about it non-stop and has been practising constantly,” Kaysha said. “She loves it here – just like I did when I was a child.”

Councillor Alex Karmel, Hammersmith and Fulham deputy mayor, who helped to unveil the mural, said: ‘The centre is truly unique – it manages not just to survive but to thrive.’

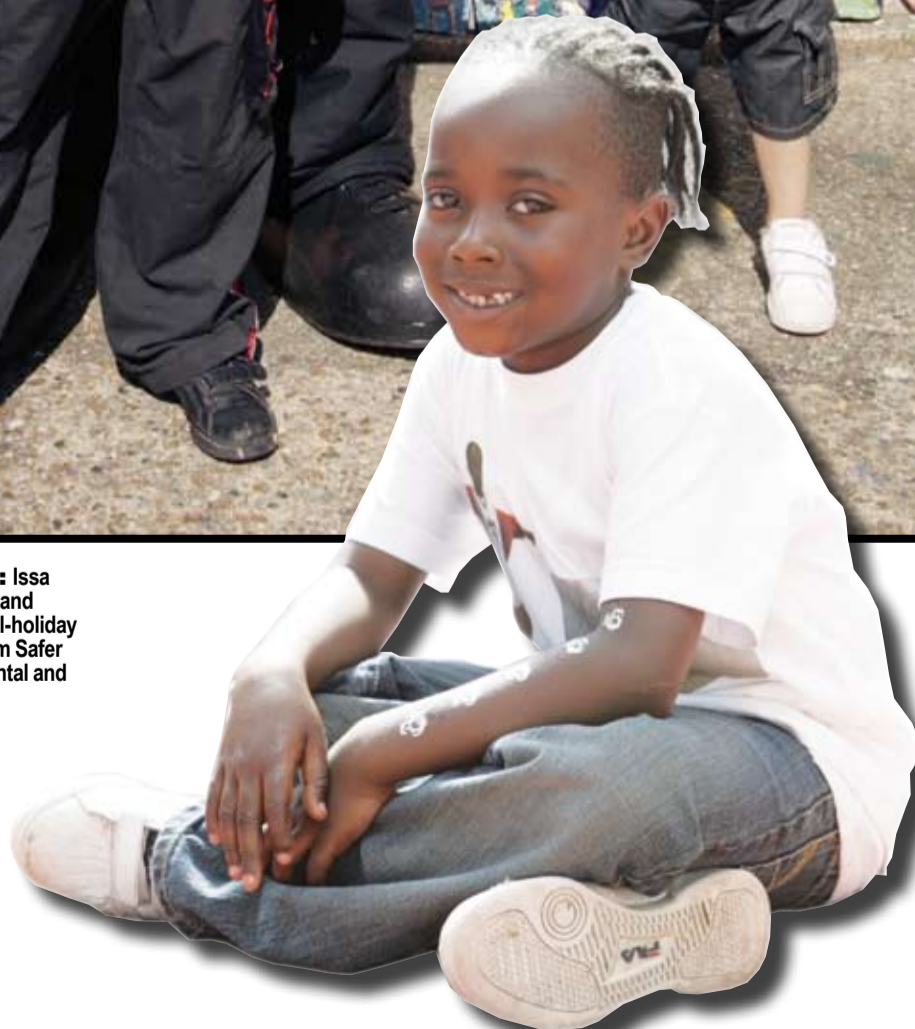
- To find out more about the centre’s activities call 020 7605 0800.



**SCHOOL’S OUT – BUT NOT FOR LONG:** Issa Bangura, Jordan Bailey, Brandon Kelly, Saraya Obaze and Ayshah Flanders at the Masbro Centre’s end-of-school-holiday special day (left). Above: PCSO Sgt Jaiye Warwiah from Safer Neighbourhood Team, Raashan Taylor, PCSO Billy Rental and Diaz Ojuederie. Right: Natai Best takes a breather



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**SOWING SEEDS:** Nourallah Tahanan, son Nourallah, six, and Fatemeh Kazemi use the farm at Phoenix School (above), and Mohamed Abdalla and Layli Sediquee (left) show their produce

PICTURES BY LEIGH QUINNELL

# Our harvest fest is first at Phoenix

- ▶ Shepherds Bush school farm is great for fresh produce
- ▶ Pupils love the garden which is also useful for teaching

#### SIGNE HANSEN

**HONEY** making and plenty of fresh fruit and vegetables will be some of the party ingredients when a Shepherds Bush school throws its first harvest celebration.

Phoenix High School is hoping more than 300 people will take part to enjoy the outcome of their green-fingered work on September 18.

Neighbours, volunteers and parents are all invited to the party at the school's farm, which was created about a year ago.

Farm and learning zone coordinator Marcia Clack said:

"The children love the garden, which is also a learning zone because we have all sorts of classes out here like geography and maths. As a learning resource it is fantastic."

The garden is more than three quarters of an acre and besides vegetables and fruit also contains animals, such as rabbits and chickens, and several greenhouses. The greenhouses enable the school to keep using the farm for classes even in the winter times, said Marcia.

"It is a fantastic thing to have in the city. I don't think that any

other schools in the area have anything like it," she added.

The vegetables from the garden are enjoyed every day by volunteers and used in the school's kitchen. But at the party everyone will get a chance to taste some of the natural sweets.

"We will make natural smoothies with power generated by a bicycle, press apples and make honey," said Ms Clack. "And everybody will get to take home a free goodie-bag when they leave."

The party will also be visited by a chef, who will be running food demonstrations with some of the garden's ingredients. Among other activities will be a BBQ, face painting, treasure hunt and lavender bag making allowing both children and adults to take part in the festivities.

• The event takes place at the Phoenix Farm, next to Phoenix Fitness Centre, Bloemfontein Road, Shepherds Bush, on September 18 from 4pm-7pm.

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## JAZZ SINGER WITH GOSPEL ROOTS CHARMS W12 CENTRE



**SOULFUL SOUNDS:** Barbados jazz singer Elisa Caleb wowed shoppers at the West 12 centre in August after it hosted a month-long music festival. And on September 26 and 27, a food festival arrives at the West 12 and readers of *h&f news* can grab special offers as well as enter a prize draw for a Parisian cruise. Watch this space! PICTURE BY DAVID TETT

### Aragon House pub reopens as new licence is granted

A FULHAM pub which was forced to close for six weeks when its owners got into a licensing muddle is ready to serve.

Aragon House in New Kings Road, Parsons Green, reopened on Tuesday, September 2, after the council granted the bar a new licence on the same day.

The Royal British Legion Limited, which is the licence holder for both Aragon House and the Legion's own club, went into liquidation in June and failed to transfer its premises licence to the new owner within seven days.

This meant that legally the bar could not trade and had to close.

The new licence has the same opening hours as it previously had, opening Monday-Saturday 10am until 11pm, and on Sunday from midday until 10pm.

### Havana's appeal gets February review date

AN APPEAL hearing to decide the fate of Fulham bar Fiesta Havana has been set for February.

The bar, known locally as Havana's, has been embroiled in a licensing tussle with Hammersmith & Fulham Council since the spring this year.

In June, at a licensing review called for by the Metropolitan Police, Havana's opening hours were slashed by three hours to 11pm, but the bar's owners The High Street Pub Company Limited lodged an appeal against the decision in July.

### Lucky readers win tickets for Ed Byrne

THREE lucky *h&f news* readers are on their way to see comedian Ed Byrne at Riverside Studios after winning tickets in our recent competition.

They are: Robin Hamilton from Hammersmith, Mary Pillai from West Kensington and Paul Webster from Shepherds Bush.

### Con artists rig cash machine to steal

A TRIP to Sainsbury's left one shopper £1,250 lighter after fraudsters targeted people using a cash machine on August 19.

Responding to claims from a local newspaper, Sainsbury's quickly apologised to the shopper and removed 'devices' from the cash machine at the Hammersmith Sainsbury's in Fulham Palace Road.

A Sainsbury's spokesman added: "As soon as Sainsbury's was made aware of the crime we took action immediately."

Police are now investigating.

### Daylight attack on OAP going to shops

POLICE are appealing for witnesses after an 81-year-old man was attacked and robbed on his way to the shops.

The assault took place near the junction of Fulham's North End Road and Lillie Road at 3pm on August 14. The attacker was a black man, about 26, who was wearing dark clothes.

Information to Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

### Get your dance shoes

THE Macbeth Centre in Hammersmith is hosting new classes to learn French Jive Rock 'n' Roll dancing from Friday, September 26, from 6.30-8.30pm.

For details, call 020 7794 1194.



**HUGE:** Machine used to make the Channel Tunnel

## WHAT IS THE SUPER SEWER?

>>>The super sewer would work more like a storage tank than a sewer, collecting rainwater and raw sewage that currently overflows into the Thames during heavy rain. Thames Water says this occurs 60 times a year. However, environmentalists say pollution is decreasing and the river has never been so clean.

### Where would it run from and to?>>>

Thames Water say the sewer would run from the boundary between Hammersmith and Hounslow in the west to Beckton in the east. The width of the tunnel would be bigger than the Channel Tunnel.

### So how much construction work?>>>

To create a hole 30metres in diameter – roughly the size of Boeing 737 – it is estimated you would need

a space the size of three football pitches. One million tonnes of dirt would need to be excavated and moved by river, with lorries coming in by road.

### How can I object or get involved?>>>

H&F Council will be launching a major campaign against the proposals and is calling on local groups and other councils to unite. The council hopes to organise a public meeting this autumn and will be announcing details soon through its website and *h&f news*.

### Why does the work have to be located in or around H&F?>>>

Thames Water says the tunnel has to run along the Thames to capture overflow, making Furnivall Gardens, Ravenscourt Park and Frank Banfield Park likely options.

# Petition is launched in super sewer fight

▶ Council goes online to fight Thames Water eight-year drilling plan  
▶ Scheme will cause gridlock and create chaos for residents

### SIMON JONES

A PETITION to oppose Thames Water's plan to dig a 30-metre-wide hole in one of the borough's beauty spots has been launched.

The online campaign, organised by Hammersmith & Fulham Council bosses, is designed to express the bitter opposition to the project which will blight one local park – thought to be either Ravenscourt Park or Furnivall Gardens, both in Hammersmith – for eight years.

The cost, the chaos from the years of construction and the loss of open space outweighs any of the project's benefits, council leader Stephen Greenhalgh told *h&f news* this week. Now, the council has

launched an online petition urging residents to back its stance.

A public meeting is also being planned for late October.

Construction of the 32km-long tunnel would also involve five other smaller connecting shafts having to be dug locally, each 10 metres in diameter.

The £2.5billion cost is likely to be paid in full or part by Thames Water customers – with bills rising by as much as £200-a-head.

The Government wants Thames Water to build the tunnel so that it will not have to pay hefty EU fines for water pollution.

In a letter to London Councils, which acts on behalf of all 33 local authorities in London, Cllr Greenhalgh said: "We cannot afford to allow this appalling assault on the well-being of Londoners to be perpetrated."

Cllr Greenhalgh said he fully accepts the need to prevent sewage seeping into the Thames, but said this plan is "not sustainable".

He said: "While I don't want to see raw sewage in the Thames, this needs to be considered against the environmental impact of

eight years of major construction, severe traffic congestion in neighbouring roads and the substantial loss of green space."

Over the last 20 years, there have been 'enormous efforts' to clean up the Thames, Cllr Greenhalgh said.

"It is now generally acknowledged as one of the cleanest urban rivers in the world," he added.

Seals and porpoises have even been spotted and salmon released to breed.

The public debate in October will look at other solutions to the problem of sewage seepage, including separating surface water drainage from foul sewage, which he says, would boost reserve water supplies at a times when the Thames Gateway development is expected to increase demand by 8 per cent.

"We are not engineers, but we must look at other solutions," said Cllr Greenhalgh.

### CLICK ON

Find the super sewer petition at: <http://tinyurl.com/5qxfsk>