

FETE PROGRAMME

Village Green, Eastway, E9 5LS

Wick Curiosity Shop - public works with Pudding Mill River

The "Wick Curiosity Shop" is an eclectic collection of local produce, memorabilia, oral history, songs and stories from or about Hackney Wick. On the day of the Hackney Wick Festival 2008 the shop will offer a rich mixture of displays and performances, bringing together the weird and the wonderful found in Hackney Wick.

public works is an art/architecture collective who has been collaborating in different constellations since 1998.

Current members are artists Kathrin Böhm and Polly Brannan and architects Andreas Lang and Torange Khonsari.

All public works projects address the question of how users of public space are engaging with their environment and are shaping it through everyday practices. public works develops and runs participatory design strategies which support and facilitate physical, economical and social infrastructures for particular public realms.

www.publicworksgroup.net

Optimistic Productions is a partnership between Dan Edelstyn and Hilary Powell. They draw on their respective backgrounds in film and theatrical artistic production to create multimedia projects that respond to and engage with specific urban sites. The pair first worked together series of C4 3 Minute Wonders called 'Subverting the City' exploring playful ways of negotiating city space from urban climbing to Midnight cricket with the Space Hijackers. This provided the basis for further work together as they share a penchant for the surreal and humourous seen in their 2007 film 'The Games' staging an alternative Olympics amid the sites set to become the London 2012 Park. They continue to develop their interdisciplinary collaboration drawing on each other's diverse artistic and professional skills to push the boundaries of their creative practices and use of media further – from costume and set design/installation to multimedia production, music and guerrilla choreography. Their current projects include Pudding Mill River: Purveyors of Sporting Spirits and Foodstuffs which will be part of the Hackney Wick Festival and Hilary has also designed this year's festival poster.

www.optimisticproductions.co.uk

Pudding Mill River: Purveyors of Sporting Spirits and Foodstuffs have been gathering the wild fruits of the Lower Lea Valley for generations. Now that the Games are coming to town they are hard at work collecting the last wild harvest (from blackberries to sloes) from the very edges of the Olympic zone.

Pudding Mill River is also busy taking both their delicious produce (from sloe gin to blackberry cake) and firm's history and manifesto out to the public through hosting stalls and multi-media performative introductions to the project at venues from Lift to ArtProjx. These have gone down a treat prompting discussion, laughter, networking and participation as fact and fiction and artistic and social enterprise fuse and food, debate, theatre, film and rural pursuits act as a means of initiating engagement with and exploration of the edge lands, history and legacy of the London Olympic site.

www.puddingmillriver.blogspot.com

Gazebo TV Artist's collective The People Speak present "Gazebo TV", a television studio in a tent. Renowned for being able to get to the heart of what people really think by instigating intensive discussions, The People Speak will be investigating the current affairs of the area throughout Hackney Wick Festival and presenting a live video of the discussions as they happen. You are invited to take part.

GazeboTV is one of a series of Dialogues for The Art of Common Space, a new programme of commissions, events and an international online network which aims to generate new thinking and influence the development of our common spaces through creative exploration. These interdisciplinary discussions/workshops/symposiums and events have been produced by Gunpowder Park in collaboration with other organisations.

www.gunpowderpark.org

Boxing And Boxercise Training Session - Youth For Hackney and Malaika Youth Project

Open to everyone - no experience needed, for all ages from seven.

www.youthforhackney.org

Hackney Wick Community Map - London 21

Launch of the Community Map website

1:45pm - A short official launch of the website. This will include a quick demonstration, background to the project and introduction of partners. Food and drinks will be served (and then made available for the remainder of the day).

Photography - Throughout the day we'll be asking people to take out a digital camera and photograph something in Hackney Wick that they'd like to add to the map. We'll be uploading photos live so people can see their contributions immediately.

Treasure Hunt - Map-based treasure hunts will guide children to various key points in Hackney Wick (some of these may be other festival participants/stalls). Prizes will be offered for completed hunts!

www.london21.org

www.communitymaps.london21.org

Postcards from Nowhere – Leigh Niland

Tourist stand of Hackney Wick memorabilia.

American Painter/Printmaker Leigh Niland makes a departure from her long interest in creating moody, representational depictions of the Hackney Wick/Hackney Marsh area where she lives and works in her latest series: Postcards from Nowhere. The piece has a jubilant 'Take-Me-Out-To-The-Ball-Game' air, it's a tourist stand of Hackney Wick memorabilia including postcards, t-shirts, sports pennants and custom made baseball jackets. The articles commemorate a place on the brink of disappearance as the ghost town, non-destination that once was, is replaced by Olympic dreamscape, ultra-destination 2012.

Children's activities

Based in the Wick, Albion Kids Show and Hackney Playbus are Hackney's longest running mobile play organisations.

www.albionkidsshow.org.uk

www.hackneyplaybus.org

Teas - Trowbridge Senior Citizens Club

plus Tombola, Jumble sale.

Walks – Hackney Marshes User Group

Exploring biodiversity in Wick Woodland

11am start at Tree Nursery to Curiosity Shop

2pm Curiosity Shop to Tree Nursery

Open house at the Tree Nursery and Forest Garden 11am-2pm

Hackney Marshes User Group (HMUG) are volunteers who:

Organise walks round the Marshes, and explore and enhance their wildlife through planting and caring for trees and hedges. Work to improve the Marshes for all sectors of the community, and campaign to protect them from inappropriate development.

Organise free activities and skill-sharing days, and run Hackney Community Tree Nursery & Forest Garden.

To be added to our email list and / or to get involved please contact us:

Email: HMUG@km551818.demon.co.uk

Telephone: 07950 539 254

Mailing address: Hackney Marshes User Group, c/o Hackney Marshes Staff Yard, Homerton Road, London, E9 5PF

Beating the Bounds of the Games

2 to 5pm

The Hackney Society and Hackney Archives (joint event)

A storyteller will lead a walk down the River Lea and along the edges of the Olympic site recounting stories of the people who've arrived in Hackney during the last 200 years. The stories will be based on documents found in Hackney Archives.

Meet at the East Marsh car park on Homerton Road, E9

FREE, but booking necessary

To book contact Lisa on 020 8806 4003 or email lisa@hackneysociety.org

www.hackneysociety.org

Walk – Eton Mission and Eton Manor Boys Club

Short walk, taking in the Eton Mission Rowing Club

1.45pm start, finish 3pm, led by Peter W. Wiggy, Eton Manor Old Boy.

Meet at St Mary of Eton.

www.villierspark.org.uk

Eton Manor Boys' Club and the Up the Manor! Oral History Project

The Eton Manor Boys' Club was a sports and social club based in East London between 1909 and 1967. For a small subscription charge, members could take part in rifle-shooting, drama, table tennis, chess, art classes, a debating society, boxing, gymnastics or snooker at the Eton Manor Clubhouse on Riseholme Street in Hackney Wick. They also had free access to a vast sports ground nearby. On the Wilderness, pitches were marked out for football, rugby and cricket. There were squash and tennis courts, a plunge pool and excellent facilities for would-be athletes. Because the Club was financed by a group of wealthy Old Etonians, members were remarkably well provided for. For instance, the cinder running track from the 1948 London Olympics was re-laid on the Wilderness and the first floodlit athletics meetings in London were held at Eton

Manor in the early 1950s. Eton Manor became famous for the excellent amateur athletes and sportsmen it produced and for the sense of team spirit and comradeship that existed among its members.

In 2007, Heritage Lottery Fund provided money to finance an oral history of this unique club. The Up the Manor! project was run by Villiers Park Educational Trust. Project Leader Michelle Johansen worked with Eton Manor Old Boys and a group of Year 10 students from George Mitchell School in Leyton to record the history of the Club. Up the Manor! produced an illustrated booklet telling the story of Eton Manor in the words of the members, a DVD record of the project and a teachers' resources pack offering guidance on running an oral history project in the classroom. To find out more about the Club or the project and its outputs, go to www.villierspark.org.uk and follow the links to Eton Manor Boys' Club.

As part of the Up the Manor! project, Eton Manor Old Boy Peter 'Wiggy' Wilson led a walk around the area in May 2008. A group of local historians and residents, community workers, George Mitchell students and Eton Manor Old Boys enjoyed a privileged behind-the-scenes tour of some of the most interesting old buildings in the area. They learnt much about Eton Manor and the history of the Wick in the process. Wiggy Wilson's Historic Hackney Wick Walk was a great success and is being repeated as part of Hackney Wick Community Festival. All are welcome to attend.

Plus stalls, food and displays

EVENTS IN SURROUNDING VENUES

Mixed programme

Hackney Wick Community Centre, The Old Baths, 80 Eastway , E9 5JH

AMASE Martial Arts demonstration with Simon Lewis.

1 – 5 Global Grub Cafe - restaurant opening.

1 - 2 Gardening activities.

2 – 3 Afternoon concert with the Wick Conservatoire. Classical music and opera.

3 – 5 Barbeque and Brazilian Musicians. Live music and food in the garden.

5 – 9 Dancing, tea, cakes for all of Hackney Wick's Young at heart. Jo Purvis on the decks.

<http://www.hackneywickcentre.co.uk/>

Football Development Courses – East London Football Academy

Hackney Wick Community Centre, The Old Baths, 80 Eastway , E9 5JH

Find out more www.theacademyofsporteastlondon.co.uk

Computer, Business Training – UXL

Hackney Wick Community Centre, The Old Baths, 80 Eastway , E9 5JH

Find out more www.uxl.org.uk

Open Day

St Mary of Eton, Eastway, E9 5JA

Open to visitors with info about the development project and displays. Eton Mission and Eton Manor Boys Club Walk starts here at 1.15pm.

www.stmaryofeton.freeuk.com

Suitcase Gardens

Leabank Square, Berkshire Road, E9 5LR

Visit the Hanging Gardens of Wick made by residents - mini gardens in bottles, hanging gardens in zip bags, shopping bags, suitcases.

www.familymosaic.co.uk

WINDscale – Rob Smith

Gainsborough School, Berkshire Road, E9 5ND

Part of Distributed South in partnership with SPACE.

Rob Smith's online project uses anemometers measuring wind speed linked to a web camera. The wind speed (using the Beaufort Scale) affects the way in which the image from the webcam is viewed. WINDscale chooses deliberately sites that are fragile in their cultural context and exposes them online; Jaywick Martello Tower, on the Essex coast and in the middle of a priority regeneration area; Hackney Wick Festival, part of which is in the heart of the soon to be developed Olympic site; and Fawley Power Station which lies on the edges of the New Forest National Park.

WINDscale measures wind speed linked to a web camera on the roof of Gainsborough School and can be viewed at www.windscale.net

This project is co-managed by SCAN and Space Media as part of Distributed South.

www.scansite.org

<http://distributedsouth.org.uk/>

Gainsborough School Fair

Berkshire Road, E9 5ND

Games, food, activities, displays.

www.gainsborough.hackney.sch.uk

Can I Go Out?

Performed by Gainsborough School Parents Group

This funny, moving, and thought-provoking play is devised by parents and children, scripted and directed by Penny Cliff. The play was created as part of Immediate Theatre's Big Blue Fence project, funded by Sanctuary Housing Association. First performed to great acclaim in May 2008, and now finishing a tour of Hackney primary schools, the play explores how knife crime affects younger children and their families. A forum will follow the performance. Running time: 1.10

Performance time – 3.15pm

www.immediate-theatre.com

The Big Blue Fence – Penny Cliff, Pip Nash

A fun activity based on ideas generated by the Olympic site perimeter fence.

The Big Blue Fence Installation showcases the work of Immediate Theatre's Writer in Residence project - also called Big Blue Fence. Since July 2007, Writer in Residence Penny Cliff has been working with participants of all ages in Hackney E9 and Hackney

Wick making plays, gathering stories, and creating audio. The project enables people living next door to the Olympic site to express their views on a wide range of topics, including their views on the Olympics. The Big Blue Fence interactive installation is a scale model based on a section of the Olympic site perimeter fence, conceived by Penny Cliff and designed by Pip Nash.

The installation is a unique sculpture/museum exhibit/showcase/interactive tool designed to bring together and celebrate the work created. The Big Blue Fence project is funded by Sanctuary Housing Association as part of their Heart of Hackney Project.

www.immediate-theatre.com

Open Studios

Eastway Laundry, 80c Eastway, E9 5JH

SPACE Studio artists open up their studios to the public. Work for sale.

www.spacestudios.org.uk

Boxing - Youth For Hackney and Malaika Youth Project

St Mary of Eton Hall, Eastway E9 5JA

Boxing and Boxercise Training Sessions and demos.

Open to everyone - no experience needed, for all ages from seven.

Learning the basic defence, circuit training and fitness.

Instructive boxing skills training, contributing to your physical well being

Safe recreational and competitive sport and as a skills-based non-contact form of boxing/'boxercise'.

www.youthforhackney.org

BOULDER – John Frankland

Mabley Green, E9

Two massive pieces of solid granite, each weighing 100 tonnes. A new public realm sculpture on Mabley Green and Shoreditch Park.

www.peeruk.org

Activities around BOULDER - just turn up

Rap Around the Rock - open mic session

Hackney Cycle Club – green grass racing

Plus Streetdance, Capoeira

Info: Jonathan at Core Arts - 07958 686 721

www.corearts.co.uk