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GREAT FREE FESTIVALS IN ILFORD

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Get on the trail!
The mammoths are back inilford after 100,000 years.
Can you spot them?



In preparation for our events, we want to ensure that every business has an opportunity to participate. We encourage you to scan the QR code to tell us how you want to get involved.

JOIN US IN ILFORD
FOR FUN, FOOD
& EXCITEMENT

FREE FAMILY EVENTS IN ILFORD HIGH ROAD

SATURDAY
2ND OCTOBER
11AM - 5PM

HIGH ROAD FESTIVAL



Everyone is invited to Ilford's First Street Festival to celebrate the improvements we are making to your Town Centre.

We have the original Bond Car, Bond girls and a Daniel Craig look-a-like for you to pose alongside. There are magicians and aerialists and the chance to make your mark in our public art project.

Come and see some of the ideas that have been suggested for the future of Ilford and let us know what you think. Everything is free and we look forward to welcoming you, our real celebrities, on our living red carpet!

Become emerged in 007
James Bond's world

THE DAY INCLUDES:

- A JAMES BOND LOOK-A-LIKE
- THE ASTON MARTIN DB5
- BOND GIRLS
- A LIVING RED CARPET
- FLAT CAP 3 BAND
- ART INSTALLATION
- SPECTACULAR MAGIC SHOW
- BALLERINA AERIALIST



SATURDAY
16TH OCTOBER

11AM - 5PM

Iford Food Festival

We invite everyone in Ilford to taste the difference at our Food Festival in celebration of Black History Month. There will be over 20 stalls in the High Road each offering unique foods, crafts and experiences from around the globe.

You will be captivated by the energy and skills of our Tanzanian acrobatic troupe, the Black Eagles, swing to the drum beat of our Samba Band and take your first steps on our Art Trail.

There will be drum and dance workshops and an opportunity to participate in creating a giant mural.



THE DAY INCLUDES :

- 20+ WORLDWIDE FOOD AND MERCHANDISE STALLS.
- BLACK HISTORY MONTH TRAIL
- BLACK EAGLES ACROBATS
- PUBLIC ART DISPLAY
- BARKINGSIDE ART CLUB WORKSHOPS
- SAMBA BAND



SATURDAY
30TH OCTOBER

11AM - 5PM

HALLOWEEN

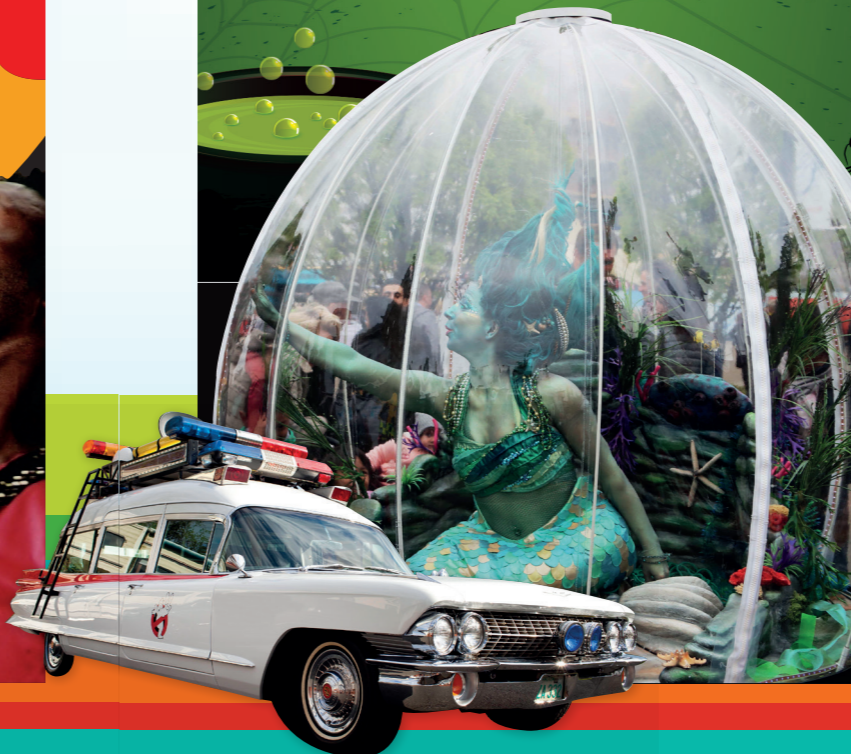
Ilford gets a little scary this Halloween and everyone is invited to our spooky party! Don't be afraid if you see twenty dreadful dancers or meet a team of stiltwalking zombies.

Families are invited to join our ghost hunt with prizes for everyone and kids are encouraged to pull a face for our 'gurn and earn' Facebook album.

For those who really want to get into the spooky spirit, we have a fancy dress parade at 12noon by the Ghostbusters car display. But don't worry about a ghoulish takeover of the High Road, as we have invited the original Ghostbusters car to keep the town safe.

THE DAY INCLUDES:

- HALLOWEEN DANCE FLASH MOB
- GHOSTBUSTERS 1959 CADILLAC
- GHOULS AND STILT WALKERS
- A GLOBE MERMAID
- A HALLOWEEN TRAIL
- FANCY DRESS PARADE



SATURDAY
27TH NOVEMBER

11AM - 5PM

Join us for Christmas

Christmas in Ilford gets going in a flash this year as TV's 'So Diva' count down to a switch on and firework display from a big stage in the Town Centre.

The day starts with the arrival of panto star Cinderella in a crystal coach and horses. Throughout the day, there will be music and dance leading up to a performance by the 50 strong Redbridge Community Choir.

Budding young builders can visit The Exchange where there is a chance to help create a building bricks display. There will be a special element of the day curated to commemorate those local people taken by the pandemic.



THE DAY INCLUDES:

- A STUNNING FIREWORK DISPLAY
- A PERFORMANCE FROM SO DIVA (THE VOICE)
- REDBRIDGE CHOIR PERFORMANCE
- ANGELICUS PERFORMANCE
- DANCERS FROM THE GREATEST SHOWMAN PERFORMANCE
- FACE PAINTERS
- A CINDERELLA CARRIAGE AND CHARACTERS
- FESTIVE FOOD

SO MUCH inILFORD

Join us inILFORD in the run up to Christmas for art, worship, a trip to the theatre and of course, shopping, as we celebrate all that is special about Ilford.

WORSHIP CITY GATES CHURCH

City Gates Church will be holding a mini Christmas craft market on Saturday 27th November from 1.30-3.30pm.



Grab a hot drink from our coffee shop and browse and order from our exclusive collection of handmade items which could make a perfect Christmas gift for a loved one.

EATING MERCATO ILFORD

Mercato Metropolitano is a playground for food lovers and artisan food producers to meet, talk, relax, shop, eat and share a meal.



MM will transform Redbridge Town Hall car-park to a covered food market promoting fresh food from local growers and encouraging social enterprise with start-up food and beverage businesses. MM will provide a community space with a comprehensive **engagement programme offering cooking classes, food growing, health and fitness classes, music and dance.**

THEATRE VISION/KENNETH MORE

Cinderella

From 9th December 2021 to 9th January 2022

Poor Cinderella spends her days scrubbing the floors of Hardup Hall, but will an invitation to a Royal Ball change her life forever? Join us as we laugh at Buttons' silly jokes, cheer the handsome Prince Charming and his pal Dandini, boo the mean Ugly Sisters and more in this ageless and enchanting Pantomime!



TRANSPORT ILFORD STATION

ELIZABETH LINE SERVICES FROM ILFORD STATION



New Class 345 trains are in use between Shenfield and Liverpool Street.

The majority are currently seven-car long, with an upgrade programme due in the autumn of 2021 to increase these trains to nine-car (which is the full length of train for Elizabeth line services when it opens in the first half of 2022). When the full route opens, passengers will be able to travel through central London without having to change trains.

ART SPAC E ILFORD

Cecilia Charlton, Mammoth loop 9th Oct – Jan '22
10 Oakfield Road, IG1 1ZJ
Open Wednesdays and Saturdays and by appointment.



An exhibition of textiles and embroidered pieces co-created with local people exploring Ilford's rich history, from the prehistoric mammoth skull discovered in 1864 to Roman and Iron Age artefacts. Join us for these free drop-in family workshops with the artists on Saturday's, 30th October, 20th November and 11th December from 11-3pm. See spacestudios.org.uk for more information.

COMMUNITY HIGH ROAD

The High Road transformation is due for completion at the end of November, with 80% of the works already completed. 5,200sqm of granite has been laid, 8 new trees planted, 5 new flowerbeds installed, 4 new planters, 6 new bins and 20 new benches. Future features include play areas and drinking fountains.



SHOPPING EXCHANGE ILFORD

Wild Cubs Free Play

The Exchange hosts some of the best national retailers including M&S, Next, TK Maxx, WH Smith, H&M, Wilko, New Look and Sports Direct - all this alongside fantastic local and speciality stores.



The Centre is committed to staying at the heart of the community with initiatives like the Wild Cubs play area.