

# about Tilbury & Chadwell

## ACADEMY LAUNCHES NEW COMMUNITY EVENINGS...

The Gateway Academy is opening its doors every Tuesday for the local community, offering a range of activities from educational support, to more adventurous activities. We caught up with TGA attendee and Academy student Danny Monk to find out more...

I've been going to TGA Tuesday's since it started in February. I think the activities offered are really good. It is important that people can get help with ICT (computers). I also think it is good that people can learn English as an additional language as it helps the community to communicate better. TGA is great for primary students too as they get some help with their education and then get to do some of the fun activities, giving them a real incentive to come!

I help out on the Climbing Wall every week under the supervision of one of our teachers.



## EVENTS

**THE GATEWAY  
ACADEMY WILL  
BE HOSTING...**

**THE TAKE THAT  
EXPERIENCE**

**FRIDAY 6th MAY**

**A COMEDY  
NIGHT**

**FRIDAY 13th MAY**

**BAND NIGHT**

**FRIDAY 20th MAY**

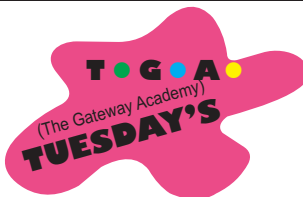
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I get the chance to climb myself during the quieter times, but when we are busy it is important to make sure that everyone gets a turn. TGA also has a cooking class. I've helped some of the younger students cook and although I haven't had the opportunity to taste the food, it always smells good!

What surprises me is the number of adults that come along to take part. It's really nice seeing such a variety of people using the Academy and I like to think that I am contributing in my own way.

Danny Monk, Year 10

**We are increasing the number of activities available  
So come along and visit us!**



**FAMILY FUN FOR ALL THE COMMUNITY!**  
**EVERY TUESDAY (term time only)**  
**FROM 8TH FEBRUARY 2011**  
**4.00pm - 8.00pm**  
**Refreshments available in the Courtyard Café.**

<p>You can access <b>ALL</b> these Activities for <b>FREE</b></p> <p>English                  Maths                  ICT (5.00pm-7.00pm)                  EAL (4.30pm-8.00pm)                  (English as an Additional Language)</p>	<p>Charges will apply for the following activities</p> <p>BodyFunk (4.00pm-4.45pm)                  Climbing Wall (4.00pm-4.45pm)                  Fitness Suite (5.00pm-8.00pm)                  Latin American Aerobics (6.30pm-7.30pm)                  Using styles from Salsa, Mambo and many more</p>	<p>Ju-Jitsu (6.30pm-7.30pm)</p> <p>Slima-Me (Hypno weight reduction programme)</p>
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# MASTERING THE ART!

John McCarthy has worked at The Gateway Academy to help students master the skills of art and has been showing them the grid method to produce accurate drawings.



Above is an example of John's work.

The image is selected, it is screwed up and photographed, adding new light sources to accentuate the creases, then it is cropped to fit the canvas. The image is then painted.

**Simona Navickaite interviewed John to find out more about the man behind the canvas...**

**Simona: How long have you been painting/interested in art?**

**John:** I have been painting since I was 8

**S: How many hours do you dedicate to art in your spare time?**

**J:** I paint every spare minute... it's my profession

**S: How many paintings have you produced?**

**J:** As a professional, I have painted over 100 paintings, but have been painting all my life.

**S: Is teaching the Master Class tough?**

**J:** No, it is very enjoyable the students want to be there and enjoy art.

**S: What materials do you use as an artist?**

**J:** High quality acrylic paint, canvas, and fine brushes

**S: Do you think it is necessary to be able to draw to be able to paint?**

**J:** Yes, very much so, drawing well is very important in the style that I paint

**S: Do you earn your living as a painter?**

**J:** Yes, since 1999 I've been considered a paid artist, and I work at The Gateway Academy as an art technician for 2 days a week.

**S: Have you sold any paintings to famous people?**

**J:** Yes I have sold paintings all round the world to collectors and recently sold two paintings to the famous football manager Roberto Mancini



## St Mary's School Writing Festival Week

The children at St. Mary's Primary School have just completed a Writing Festival Week.

Congratulations to Emily O'Rourke in Year 6 whose piece describing the week's activities was chosen to be included in this edition of *About Tilbury & Chadwell*

### **St Mary's School Writing Festival Week Primary Police**

The children at St. Mary's Primary School found an unexpected crime scene in the teacher's car park on Monday morning when they returned from the half term break.

Over the half term holiday a crime had been committed and all week the children have been investigating what happened.

The children have found evidence, interviewed the teachers and looked on the school camera at CCTV footage for clues hoping to solve the mystery.

The deputy head Mrs Pena said "One child from either Year 5 or 6 will get their very own newspaper article published in the local newspaper".

All the children have been working extremely hard on trying to find what happened, why, where, who and when.

As well as the car park crime the nursery children found their dearest friend Humpty Dumpty missing on Monday morning. The children have been trying to find out what has happened to their beloved friend.

The nursery children have been going around checking people's hands and putting lots of brightly coloured wanted posters all around the school in hope of finding Humpty Dumpty.

Every child has thoroughly enjoyed their exciting week being detectives. There is still a mystery to this crime but we are all sure they will figure it all out.

*By Emily O'Rourke Year 6*

## Team Message

Welcome to our Easter edition of About Tilbury and Chadwell.

As you can see we have many new and exciting events happening at The Gateway Academy and around the community, including our second successful Job Shop event which took place in March. Our Arts Festival is coming in May, starting on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May with the fantastic Take That Experience tribute band.

We wish to thank everyone that has contributed to this edition and welcome your comments on what you would like to see in future editions.

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## THE TAKE THAT EXPERIENCE



The sensational Take That tribute with supporting acts is coming to **THE GATEWAY ACADEMY**  
**FRIDAY 6th MAY 2011**  
**BOOK NOW TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT**

BOX OFFICE: 01375 489034

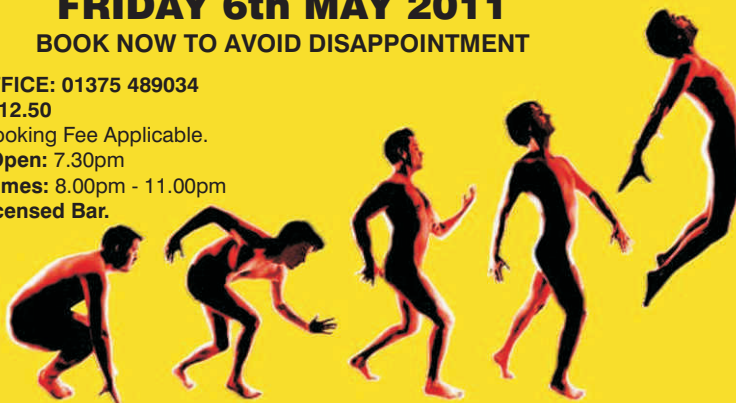
Adult: £12.50

£1.00 Booking Fee Applicable.

Doors Open: 7.30pm

Show Times: 8.00pm - 11.00pm

Fully Licensed Bar.



For more information and to book your tickets

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**Invites you to their AGM on**  
**Thursday 7th April at 7.00 pm,**  
**Crown Court, Newton Road, Tilbury**

Are you concerned about crime, litter or public transport issues? Then please come along to learn more about how the Forum works to tackle these issues and supports community events and activities in Tilbury.

The Forum is an independent, voluntary group run by local people for local people. We are actively looking for more members and people to join our committee.

Whether you are a life long Tilbury resident or have recently moved to Tilbury, everyone is welcome.

**So, why not come along and help the Forum to make Tilbury a brighter place for everyone!**

# CONGRATULATIONS!

## RUGBY

The Gateway Academy's Year 9 Rugby Team have made it through to the Essex Cup Final! Well Done Lads!

## SWIMMERS

12 Gateway Academy students completed a six week swimming course designed for weak/non swimmers. All the students that participated have more confidence in the water and the majority can now swim over 25 meters unaided! The next course is already underway.

## SUSTRANS (BIKING)

Finally Jamie Impey took part in the Sustrans You Tube Competition. He had to select a You Tube video that promotes cycling in a way that appeals to young people. Lucky Jamie received £100 worth of bike vouchers. He said that he has recently renovated an old bike, so he may use the money to do something similar again.

## HAIRSPRAY

A fantastic sell out show! Well done to all staff and students involved.



## TILBURY RIVERSIDE PROJECT

Charity No. 1068744

As the new Project Coordinator for the Tilbury Riverside Project Richard Speight shares his thoughts...

It's a real privilege to be involved with an organisation like the Tilbury Riverside Project who have achieved so much in the last nineteen years. We want to continue with our successful projects like the Christmas Lights & Fayre while looking for new ways that we can contribute to better the life of Tilbury and its residents.

We are always keen to hear from people who'd like to get involved with the project. If you can just spare a few hours a month, or if you'd like to support us by joining as a member you can find out how to get involved on our website [www.tilburyriversideproject.co.uk](http://www.tilburyriversideproject.co.uk) or by calling 01375 859911.

I look forward to working with everyone to make Tilbury a better place to live, work and grow up in the coming months.

Richard Speight

# Memory Lane

**When Postman Pat visited us recently we were really excited to receive a letter from one of our readers...**

Dear Sir,

I attended St Chad's School when war was declared 1939. The council erected concrete shelters in playing fields near school and the Headmaster Mr Stone wanted volunteers to bring in spades and forks to put turf on top of the shelters, we were lucky that plenty of people volunteered.

We didn't have full time school either, but we used to get plenty of homework for our half days off. I wondered how many old school personnel are around today? We had Mr Williams, Mr Medcalf, Mr Gray the Music Teacher and a few others including a couple of Welsh teachers that I can't recall from 'the good old days'

W Bowyer

DOB:28.08.1927

Dear Mr Bowyer,

We were really pleased to receive your letter and would like to Thank You for sharing your memories with us.

Its fantastic to hear of such community spirit. The school closing in the afternoons was unfortunate, but it was good to see that you had plenty of work to get on with and that despite the difficult times, staff and students continued to show determination.

The school has changed dramatically over the last 7 years, let alone the last 70 but we would like to think that the heart and soul of the school remains the same. Obviously staff have changed over the years, today we have staff from further afield including Spain and Ireland.

**If you have any memories of life in Tilbury, please get in touch we love reading your letters and we will always try to publish them.**



## One Community Development Trust Releasing Local Potential

**One Community Development Trust** is a locally grown initiative, created by community and voluntary groups and bury and Chadwell residents, for the benefit of local people across southern Thurrock in particular. Change and regeneration is planned for this area.

**One Community** works in partnership with agencies and the community to help ensure that local people are able to participate, gain opportunities, and address community needs.

**Our Vision: To inspire and support local people to work actively together to achieve the best for themselves and the community**

**One Community** is about bringing together local people and groups to create a place to be proud of - making the best of difference experiences, backgrounds, skills and potential in Tilbury, Chadwell and other parts of southern Thurrock.

**We can help with** advice, skills development, Credit Union, access to training, life coaching, informal English improvement classes, space to let and more.

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Join us. Together we can make things happen for local communities.

