

Chance for glee club hat trick

Thousands of young performers are set to dazzle competition judges as this year's search for an outstanding glee club begins in London and Essex.

The Jack Petchey Glee Club Challenge presents an opportunity for the young people of Redbridge to garner a hat trick of wins for the area. The Ursuline Academy Ilford Glee Club took the crown in 2012 and the Finch Stage School, Barkingside, won in 2013.

Winners of this year's competition will perform at the London Palladium next year before performing at a grand final at the South Bank Centre, London, in December. Finalists will receive a share of £5,000 worth of prizes.

Head judge Graham Norton said: "Every year I am moved by these young people. There is so much passion in their performances it brings a tear to the eye."

The challenge is open to groups between eight and 30 members between the ages of 11 and 25. Enter at gleeclubchallenge.co.uk for free by June 27.



■ 7,000 people turned up at the Al-Noor School fun day in Valentines Park Pictures: Picasa



■ Organisers were 'buoyed' by the community cohesion

Thousands flock to school fun day

Community spirit praised despite traffic jams

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A school has won the praise of Redbridge Labour group's deputy leader for a fun day which attracted several thousand people.

The fun day, at Valentines Park, Ilford, was organised by the Al Noor Foundation, which runs the Al-Noor

Muslim Primary School in Green Lane, Ilford.

It offered fairground rides, bouncy castles, arts and crafts and other attractions.

Traffic did cause police some concern, but organiser Sadiq Kothia, trustee of the Al-Noor Foundation, said: "I went away on Sunday evening absolutely buoyed.

It was such an amazing event that so many people came to.

"It was a joyous day that brought families together – whatever their colour and creed. That is what community cohesion is all about."

Labour deputy leader Cllr Wes Streeting said: "I was there between 2pm and 4pm and they already had up to



7,000 people from all backgrounds there.

"It is yet another example of the contribution Al-Noor plays."

Cllr Streeting said, though, that the relevant authorities must work together in the future to stop traffic congestion at the event.

He said: "It is inevitable

with big events like this they will cause congestion. But following on from this year's event, the police, the council and other agencies need to be involved in the planning."

He added: "I am not sure traffic congestion was particularly bad this year but we need to minimise the effects of this."

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