

FOCUS

Your Local Newsletter No. 279

Do we really want to gamble with our families future and prosperity?

Every election is important, but the referendum on June 23rd is the most important that many of us will vote on for a generation.

Being in Europe brings peace, prosperity and jobs. It helps us to work together to tackle global challenges like climate change, cross border crime and terrorism and it gives us the freedom to live, work and travel across the continent. These are the things worth fighting for.

Focus says: It is not surprising that all the countries in the Commonwealth, the USA, NATO and Europe believe it is better for Britain to be in Europe and not out of Europe. Breaking our ties with Europe will be a leap into the dark. Do we really want to ignore our friends and allies and put our jobs, our future and our families at risk?

If you would like to discuss the referendum, then please meet us at our street stalls in the area or contact us on www.walthamforestlibdems.org, www.facebook.com/walthamlibdems/ or www.twitter.com/walthamlibdems



Lib Dem campaigners running a street stall at Leyton Mills

Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) Results

Residents in the following roads voted in favour of a CPZ:

Blenheim Road, Cann Hall Road

(part), Devonshire Close, Napier Road (part), Ranelagh Road, Ramsay Road (part), Tavistock Road, Leytonstone High Road (part)

Residents in the following three roads voted against a CPZ: **Cary Road, Elsham Road and Selby Road.** These roads are to be re-consulted to see if they wish to join the scheme.

In June letters will be sent out giving details, when you will be able to apply for parking permits, and when the works will take place on site.

The 'go-live' date is planned for late July 2016.



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Thank You

Many thanks to those of you who voted for Liberal Democrat candidates in the recent election. Why not go a step further? We're always looking for new members and Focus deliverers. Please complete and return the slip below:

Name _____

Address _____

Tel. No. _____ Email _____

I wish to become a member of the Liberal Democrats

I will deliver Focus newsletters near to where I live

RETURN TO: THE FOCUS TEAM, 61 MATCHAM ROAD, E11 3LA

Large Item Collection

In the last Focus **Liz Phillips** reported on a new service for collection of unwanted electrical items by the Council. The large item collection has been revised.

If your non-electrical items are too large to put in your black bin you will need to go on the Council's new look website and sign up for the **MY ACCOUNT** service, choose a date and you can leave a total of 5 large items to be collected free of charge outside your property by 6am on the day of collection.

Book your collection at:

www.walthamforest.gov.uk/largeitemcollection

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Underground garage to be demolished on Sansom Road Estate

Focus Team member **Liz Phillips** has found out that the underground garage on **Sansom Road Estate**, which at present rents out 52 spaces for vehicles, is to be demolished to make way for the Council to build 20 new council homes providing a mix of 1 to 4 bed homes.



Entrance to the Sansom Road Estate car park

Detailed plans will go to the Planning Department for approval during the spring of 2017 and if successful works will commence in the autumn of 2017 and completed during early 2019.

Liz said, "I know this estate very well as I have lived there since the 70's and rent a secure space for my car. The area in and around the Estate is already chock a block with vehicles. Where are we all going to park?" Write to or email Liz with your thoughts on this please.

It is now two years since our three Labour councillors were elected. When are they going to produce their first newsletter?

Cann Hall Park Tea Party:

Sun 12 June 1-5pm

FOCUS Team Member Rupert Alexander would like to inform all residents that the local charity, **SLADA - South Leytonstone Area Development Association**, with the support of Waltham Forest Council, is inviting local residents to meet up and chat and for kids to play and have a ball!

There will be music, dancing, children's entertainment, face-painting, reasonably priced refreshments and lots of fun!

The council can now issue on the spot fines of up to £400 for fly-tipping; Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs) can be slapped to anyone caught dumping unwanted items and waste. **Local resident Rupert Alexander reports:** "At present the council spends £1.5 million a year clearing up dumped stuff. We welcome strategies to reduce the cost to taxpayers".

Beware the Russian Bear

It is important that the United Kingdom stay in the European Union for our security. The big Russian Bear, Putin, is already nibbling away in the east. He has already annexed the Crimea from Ukraine and has sent troops in to the east of that country. Our being part of a strong European Union will counterbalance his ambition.

Fly-tipping: New on the spot fines

Problems - Ideas - Views, We Want To Hear From You

Name _____
Address _____
Tel/Email _____

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Landlords fined

Waltham Forest Council is now fining private landlords for not licencing their properties. Every Landlord must obtain a Private Rented Property Licence (PRPL) from the Council at a cost of £650 per property which lasts for 5 years. In the last year the Council have taken 12 Landlords to court for failing to have a licence with total fines over £66,000.

Landlords found without a Licence could face prosecution and unlimited fines.

Liz Phillips Focus Team member says "This licencing system will hopefully drive up property standards in the private sector and eradicate poor living conditions in our Borough".

For more information - visit: www.walthamforest.gov.uk or email propertylicencing@walthamforest.gov.uk

SLADA - Front Garden Challenge

South Leytonstone Area Development Association (SLADA) are inviting you all, once again, to enter your front garden into this free of charge competition.

The gardens will be judged by The East London Garden Society. The first round of judging will take place sometime in June when a shortlist will be produced and the winner will be selected in July.

Rupert says, "The competition was a huge success last year. Happy gardening and good luck"

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