

FOCUS

Your Local Newsletter No. 283

Save Our Pharmacies



Cann Hall Road Pharmacy

The Government has recently announced a cut of £170M for the funding of community pharmacies (chemists) in England this year and further cuts have not been ruled out. It is believed that potentially 3,000 pharmacies could be closed.

Local Lib Dem campaigner Alice Thomas says: "These cuts will be particularly hard for older and infirm people if our local pharmacies are forced to close. I'm asking you to sign our petition below to stop the cuts to our local pharmacies, or you can sign online at:

<https://www.change.org/p/jeremy-hunt-secretary-of-state-for-health-save-our-local-pharmacies>

The Lib Dem Focus Team wish all their readers a Happy & Prosperous New Year

Council breaks the law - but what do our councillors care!

For over two years the Government has instructed the Council to stop producing their twice a month expensive propaganda newspaper Waltham Forest News feeling that four a year is sufficient. Labour councillors have voted to spend thousands of taxpayers' money to fight the Government's ruling.

Focus says: To cover up their incompetence and the cuts to services the Labour Council continue to spend hundreds of thousands of taxpayers money on their propaganda paper which must have cost taxpayers £millions over the years. **Will the councillors who made the decision pay the thousands of pounds in Court costs? No - they will expect you to fork out.**

The Lib Dem Focus Team Fighting to protect our area

Save Our Pharmacies

I/We the undersigned want the Government to think again about the devastating cuts to local pharmacies that could lead to the closure of some Leyton and Leytonstone pharmacies. This will leave vulnerable residents with long, expensive journeys to get vital medicines.

Name _____
Post code _____ Telephone _____
Email _____

SEND A MESSAGE TODAY

- I would like to help deliver the Focus Newsletter in my area
- I would like to join the local Liberal Democrats

Please return to:

THE LIB DEM FOCUS TEAM, 61 MATCHAM ROAD, LONDON, E11 3LA

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Welcome! Burgess & Hall

A new wine shop and cafe is up and running at Arch 353 Winchelsea Road. This social space is part of a trend in the neighbourhood, to refurbish the arches and introduce new and exciting ventures so areas become vibrant.

FOCUS Team member Rupert Alexander says, "As an established residential community we look forward being amongst our new and future neighbours. Working together, we can maintain the area as a good place to live and enjoy."

Car Parking

Parking in many of our streets has become a major issue in Cann Hall ward. Because Newham Council has introduced controlled parking zones up to our Southern boundary has put severe pressure on roads such as **Vansittart, Pevensey and Huddlestone**. Does this mean that Newham residents are parking in our streets to avoid the charges? Please let us know.



A typical street scene in Cann Hall

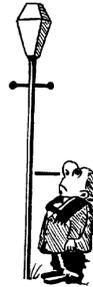
Lack of spaces in **Matcham Road** is also a major problem where residents regularly have to park in **Harrow Road** if they come in after 8.00 pm. Does this mean that residents in other roads are parking here or does it simply mean that we in **Matcham Road** own too many cars? Again, let us have your views

Still no communication from ... our Labour Councillors?

Let There Be Light!

Following on from FOCUS 282 article about the lack of light in the alleyway on **Leytonstone High Road** between **The Bell pub** and the closed down **Police Station**; **FOCUS Team member Rupert Alexander** has the following feedback:

- The Council are declining to take responsibility as it does not own the land.
- The school, nearby is not accountable.
- Waltham Forest Police and The Mayor's (of London) Office for Policing and Crime are not accepting liability.



FOCUS says: Clearly an impasse has set in. Residents have expressed concern walking through the alley at night. Do we have to wait for something awful to happen before light is restored? We will keep you informed if there is any progress.

Are car owners the Council's cash cows?

Well are they? You may think so as the Council pocketed £5.7 million in fines and charges in 2015/16. A massive 72% higher than 2014/15 which is 8 times higher than any other local authority.

Focus says: Residents in controlled parking zone (CPZ) areas, seeing the Council receiving this massive amount of money from fines and charges, might wonder why their parking fees are not being reduced.

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

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Tel/Email _____

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Welcome to Alice Thomas



Alice Thomas

Alice moved to Cann Hall two years ago and found the community has the same funny, friendly, welcoming people she knew growing up in south east London – only with a lot more green space! She lives in the Sansom and Acacia Estate, and she loves that she can roll out of bed on the weekend to go for a run straight onto Wanstead Flats.

She is a commercial solicitor so she is used to working hard for her clients. Over the next two years she plans to show you that if you vote for her for Waltham Forest Council in 2018, she will work hard for you too.

Are you looking for a tolerant, compassionate and United Britain - then why not join the Lib Dems - contact Clyde Kitson - 8534 2947 or email: c.kitson61@gmail.com



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