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**Your Local Newsletter**



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## Families cheated out of their homes



**Lib Dem candidate Carl Quilliam at the tower blocks**

In November a packed meeting of tenants voted for the option of refurbishment of kitchens and bathrooms for John Walsh and Fred Wigg tower blocks in Leytonstone.

### **Tenants Ignored**

However, the Labour Council over-ruled the tenants, agreeing a plan to strip back the towers to the core, completely refurbish the flats and build a smaller block between them.

### **Labour Selling Off Flats**

Brand new flats for the tenants? No! The Council wants to sell off one of the blocks to the private sector, thus reducing the number of Council flats from 232 to 160! Waltham Forest has thousands of families

on the waiting list, so a further reduction of affordable homes will dash the hopes of many people. In effect Labour is getting rid of tenants who are, in the main, less well-off and inviting wealthy people to buy up the flats.

### **Labour MP and councillors ignore cries for help**

The residents have asked their Labour MP and Labour councillors for help but they stay quiet. They have even been ignored by one of their Labour councillors who was once a tenant in one of the blocks!

Focus says: The Council has said tenants can go back once the refurbishment is complete. This is rubbish as there will not be enough flats to house all of them! One of the tenants has said "The Council is treating us worse than something stuck on their shoe".

Focus will keep you informed of the tenants' campaign to save their homes.

**Liberal Democrats: Fighting for you.**

## Trumpington Road

**The Lib Dem Focus Team**

continues to receive complaints of vehicles travelling the wrong way along the high numbered part of **Trumpington Road**.

We must warn drivers that this is extremely dangerous and against the law.

The police are aware of this and are on the lookout.



## Lib Dem Advisor returns to fight parliamentary seat



The former Head of Office for the Lib Dems on Waltham

Forest council,

**Carl Quilliam**, has this week been selected to stand in the Leyton and Wanstead constituency by the local Lib Dem party.

Carl is a former civil servant who worked in regeneration under the last Labour government. He was Head of Office from October 2011 until October 2013 and now works for a large London-based housing association.

On being selected Carl said: "It's exciting to be selected to stand here in Leyton and Wanstead. The Lib Dems have been the main opposition to Ed Miliband's Labour here for over 20 years. And locally we've been at the forefront of campaigns on housing, children's services, school places and protecting our environment."

**Lib Dem Focus Team keeping you informed**

Local Lib Dem activist **Liz Phillips** said "It is great to have Carl as our Parliamentary Candidate. As a Lib Dem councillor I spent two years working closely with him. He knows the people, the problems and the area. There is no doubt he will be the best person to represent our residents as our Member of Parliament."

**Liberal Democrats working all year round**

# Planning News - The Lord Rookwood

The council has refused planning permission for the **Lord Rookwood**, a closed Victorian era public house, on **Cann Hall Road**, to be turned into a hostel.

The **Cann Hall Residents Group (CHRG)** who spearheaded the campaign, are pleased with the outcome - "Great victory".

Furthermore, the council have agreed that the **Lord Rookwood** property qualifies as an asset of community value in terms of its recent past history furthered the social well-being and interests of the local community.

**Lib Dem** campaigner **Rupert Alexander** commented that the Residents Group regard this news as 'excellent'.



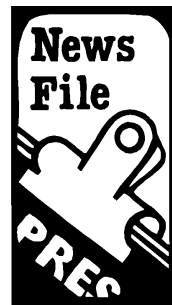
The Lord Rookwood pub in Cann Hall Road

# Jenny Hammond Primary School

The Council's planning committee has approved expansion and renovation plans at **Jenny Hammond Primary School, Worsley Road.**

The plans are to provide two new reception classrooms, offices, a reception area, kitchen and hall. An outdoor quiet area and outdoor dining area will also be created. The extra reception class will open in September 2015.

**Lib Dem** member, **Rupert Alexander**, a governor at the school says: "This is good news for the Jenny Hammond school community".



## Cann Hall Lib Dem Focus Team: A Proud Record of Many Years Service

### SLADA Front Garden Project

South Leytonstone Area Development Association (SLADA) will be introducing a 2015 Front Garden Project. All the residents of Cann Hall and Cathall wards, regardless of whether they have a large front garden or only a balcony will be automatically entered into the competition: "**Front Garden of the Year 2015**"

The gardens will be judged by experts from The East London Garden Society; prizes will be awarded. Leaflets will be distributed outlining competition categories and judging dates; June 2015 gardens will be shortlisted; July 2015 gardens will be judged.

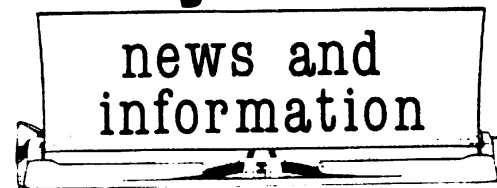
**Lib Dem** activist **Rupert Alexander** says, "This new venture sounds exciting helping to promote an attractive and pleasing environment."

### Council increases pest control charges for rats by 73%!!!

The Council is increasing the cost of getting rid of rats to **£45 from the 1st of April.** This is an increase of 73% on last year's prices.

**Focus member Liz Phillips** said, "I agree that the rat problem has increased across the Borough and more people are using the Pest Control council services but it doesn't justify such a hike in price."

### Harrow Green Library



A series of free events are being offered by your **Community Library** based at **The Epicentre.**

Full details are available by email: [hgcl.groups@outlook.com](mailto:hgcl.groups@outlook.com) or on the Internet at: [www.harrowgreenlibrary.wordpress.com](http://www.harrowgreenlibrary.wordpress.com)

### Problems - Ideas - Views

What do you think?  
We want to hear from you

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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The Liberal Democrats may contact you from time to time to keep you informed on issues we think you may find of interest. Please let us know if you do not wish the information above to be used for this purpose.

### Would you like to help Focus & Carl's election campaign?

YES, I would like to help by:

- helping with local campaigning
- phoning voters for support
- displaying a poster
- enclosing a donation of £ \_\_\_\_\_

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