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Your Local Newsletter



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Buxton School Rebuild

During September Waltham Forest Planning Department will be asked to approve plans to rebuild **Buxton School** so that a phased development can start in October.

Phase one will last from October 2015 and last until October 2016. During this time a new sports hall will be built where the all-weather pitch is now and a new three storey primary phase will be built where the temporary classrooms currently stand. Primary children will then move in to the new building to enable phase two to start.

The current primary phase will be demolished and from November 2016 to December 2017 a new secondary school will be built on this cleared site.

All development will be complete by spring 2018 - a period of two and a half years. While some disruption is expected steps are being taken to keep it to a minimum.



Coping with the influx of many new students

Knife Bin in Leytonstone



According to Police statistics, there was an average of one knife crime



The Knife Surrender Bin at Harrow Green

every day in Waltham Forest; Most of the people killed or injured as a result of knife crime in London are under the age of eighteen.

To tackle this trend, Police in Waltham Forest are encouraging people to use the blue knife surrender bin outside the Church at **Harrow Green, Leytonstone** to get rid of weapons on the street.

The Met's enforcement activity include searching places for hidden knives, visiting stores selling knives as well as the use of metal "wands" to search people.

Rupert, Liz and Clyde say: "Our neighbourhood should be a safe place to live for all residents - Initiatives to stop knife crime and keep our communities safe are to be welcomed."

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The old library building at Harrow Green

Harrow Green Community Library

When the Council closed the Harrow Green Library some years ago a number of concerned residents set up a community library nearby in the EpiCentre. With support from the local community the volunteer-led community library has become a great success. Unfortunately the room they use in the Centre is only temporary and is far too small. Local Lib Dems and local residents are looking to the Council to allow the use of part of the old Harrow Green Library building either free of charge, or for help to secure a long term funding source, to pay the rent.

Focus says: Most of the old library is left empty. By closing the original library the Council has saved at least £120,000 a year. A fraction of that saving would help to keep the Harrow Green Community Library continuing as a popular resource for the community.

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Another Fire

Another blazing inferno took hold in yet another of the garages in the railway arches on the 1st July.

Again this fire belched out acrid smoke and fumes for hours leading to the evacuation of residents in **Montague, Harrow and Acacia Roads**.

A full train was stuck on the **Gospel Oak Line** and children were running screaming from **Acacia Park** in fright as things exploded.

This is the second time in a year that a serious fire has started in the arches, leased out by Network Rail. All the areas around the fires are heavily populated.

This once again shows that Network Rail must re-evaluate the use of their arches and needs to impose stricter conditions on these garages.

Lib Dem campaigner Liz Phillips is contacting the Council asking that they speak to Network Rail about the use of their properties now and in the future. She reports that there are 10 car repairers in the arches between **Harrow Road** and **Lansdowne Road**.



The dense smoke from the fire was visible over a large part of Cann Hall

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Argyle Road

Walking around our area, **Focus Team member Rupert Alexander** observed the **Argyle Road** name plate needed replacing. Two new plates have now been installed.



Please contact the council at: www.walthamforest.gov.uk, or phone **0208 496 3000** to report any street/road plates which need replacing.

You may also notify the **Lib Dem Focus Team**.



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Would YOU like to help the local Lib Dem Focus Team

YES, I would like to help by:

- joining the Lib Dems
- helping with local campaigning
- phoning voters for support
- displaying a poster
- enclosing a donation of £ _____

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