

# FOCUS

**Your Local Newsletter No. 297**



Clyde Kitson - R.I.P.

## **Clyde Kitson - veteran local campaigner R.I.P.**

It is with great sorrow that we mourn the passing of Clyde Kitson, who lost his battle with cancer.

Clyde was a Yorkshire man who moved to Waltham Forest over 40 years ago. He was first elected as a Councillor for Cann Hall in 1982 and is credited with laying the foundations for the Liberal Democrat Focus Teams' future successes.

After serving as a Councillor for 20 years, sitting on a vast array of committees, Clyde retired from the Council in 2002.

He never disengaged from local politics, serving as Chair of Governors of Buxton School for many years, Clyde had Cann Hall in his blood and dedicated most of his time to trying to make Cann Hall a better place for the people who live there. Many residents know Clyde for his unrelenting work, and his stubbornness in not resting until a problem was solved.

**In many ways big and small Clyde left Cann Hall a better place than he found it, and for that reason is an inspiration to all of us who want to see our community flourish. He will be sorely missed.**

## **Thank You!**

The Liberal Democrat Focus Team would like to thank all local residents who cast a vote for the Focus Team in the local election.



We were disappointed that despite our record of local campaigning we did not win, but this will not stop us continuing to fight to make our area a better place to live for local residents.

## **We now know our new Labour Council's priorities?**

Having cut services to the bone and, in the case of Youth Services, to nil, the newly elected Labour Council could not wait to put up their allowances costing over £1.1million, at the first Council meeting after the elections.

**Lib Dem Focus member Bob Sullivan said:** "This is shameful, given that a recent report showed that the Council had significant weaknesses in the areas of children with special needs and disability as well as a high incidence of youth deaths in the Borough. Surely our Councillors should have spent time in allocating money to those issues rather than immediately rewarding themselves a pay rise".

# Trumpington Road

## Care Home Closed

Council close the last respite and residential care centre



Trumpington Road Respite Centre

In the midst of the Council spending thousands on Councillors' allowances, events and spending thousands in defending their propaganda paper, **Waltham Forest News**, and has now closed the only respite and care home in the borough.

**Focus Team member Liz Phillips says:** "The Centre dealing with the most vulnerable people has proved a lifeline to carers who look after their loved ones. The Council's action in closing Trumpington Road is shameful".



## Is Waltham Forest News (WFN) a Labour Council cover up?

**Lib Dem Focus member Bob Sullivan says:** "Some of the articles that we put in our Focus Newsletter would not be found in the Councils' newspaper, WFN. The Labour Council would not like you to know what is really going on in the Borough under their control and is quite happy to cover up their incompetent and wasteful actions and the many more dubious decisions they make by delivering their propaganda paper across the Borough.

Apart from **Focus**, which highlights the Council failures, you may like to link in to Nick Tiratsoo's website: [www.walthamforestmatters.org.uk](http://www.walthamforestmatters.org.uk) to get further insight to the Council's and Councillors' misdemeanours.

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## Gospel Oak - Barking Line



One of the new 4-coach electric units at the Network Rail Test Centre © Carl Westwood

### Yet more delays

Regular commuters are appalled by the mishandling of this 'service' by both Transport for London and Network Rail.

They suffered months of no service while the line was electrified - long overdue!!

Now they find that the new four-coach trains are unlikely to be in service before November as Network Rail has not sanctioned them for use on the network.

It also appears that the leasing company has already reclaimed one of the over-crowded existing trains to assess what work may be needed before these diesel units are moved to the West Midlands.

**The Focus Team** says that travellers deserve better.

### We want to hear from you....

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