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Fury over new waste collection 'fiasco'

Big concerns voiced over council move to drop weekly bin service

BY JAMES CRACKNELL

Cuts to kerbside bin collections are being called into question after Enfield Council's public consultation was described as a "sham" by the former deputy leader.

Councillor Daniel Anderson was involved in top-level discussions about the waste service changes, which he and the rest of the Labour cabinet approved earlier this year, but has now hit out at the way it has been handled.

Nearly 6,000 people have signed a petition against axing both

weekly black and blue bin collections – which the council hopes will boost recycling rates and save at least £2million.

Cllr Anderson stood down as deputy leader last month. Speaking to the *Dispatch* about the impending changes to waste collections, he said: "I sought to stop this fiasco from happening. I tried to warn that if we proceeded with this it would be a sham consultation. You can only consult on options that are viable – it is ridiculous to consult on options that are not viable.

"You can't give people the false hope of keeping weekly bin col-

lections, when that was never going to happen. This has caused tremendous reputational damage to the council."

The public consultation in December and January included seven potential options for changes that would save the council money and increase recycling, plus keeping the service as it was. The least popular option – making both general waste and dry recycling bin collections fortnightly, charging £65 a year for garden waste, and introducing weekly food waste collections – was the option subsequently approved. As well as saving £2m it included an extra £500,000 of

spending on street cleaning.

But Cllr Anderson doubts whether this money can actually be raised. He said: "The question is whether it will save us this money – my concern is it won't. That saving [of £2m] is predicated on people buying the green bins for garden waste."

The former deputy leader says he does still support the council's move to make black bin collections fortnightly, but disagrees with also axing weekly blue bin collections, which he believes will hinder efforts to boost Enfield borough's

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below-average recycling rate.

"You have to get people to use their blue bin, but if you are decreasing the frequency of both black and blue bins, where is the incentive? To make four major changes to waste collections all in one go – it is almost unprecedented."

Asked why he didn't resign at the time of the decision, instead of voting it through along with the rest of the cabinet, Cllr Anderson said he wanted to be "inside rather than outside" the decision-making process. He and several cabinet colleagues eventually stood down in May (*Council leader defends administration after latest Labour turmoil*, Page 3).

Councillor Joanne Laban, leader of the opposition Conservatives on

the council, has been a long-time opponent of the bin changes. She told the *Dispatch*: "Some of the options in the council's consultation didn't even comply with the Mayor of London's environment strategy, so were never viable anyway. Why consult on something you're not going to take forward?"

"Having given people all these options, the council then wanted to ignore what residents said and pick the one that was least popular. Now people are wondering: 'what's the point in ever getting involved with public consultations?'"

"They feel the council doesn't give two hoots about them."

A council spokesperson has defended both the public consultation and the agreed changes to waste collections. They said: "All issues relating to

the ten-week consultation and new waste arrangements were comprehensively addressed in the report approved by the entire cabinet on 13th February. The cabinet, which included Cllr Anderson, unanimously voted in favour of this report with no abstentions, a decision then approved by the overview and scrutiny committee.

"We were clear that the overriding motivation for any change was saving money due to government funding cuts, including the decision to end a grant to retain weekly collections. The council chooses to continue to protect our most vulnerable residents with the tight budget we have available. This includes putting £1m into children's services. Councils simply cannot deliver services in the same way we have previously."

Meridian Water concern



Enfield Council wants Meridian Water to be a "home for makers and creators"

BY SIMON ALLIN, LOCAL DEMOCRACY REPORTER

Enfield Council says its flagship regeneration project will provide the number of homes originally planned – despite big cuts to housing on key brownfield sites.

The number of homes on part of the £6billion Meridian Water scheme has been slashed from 10,000 to 5,000 after the council dropped plans to build on strategic industrial land (SIL). It also reduced the estimated number of jobs provided on that part of the scheme from 6,000 to 1,500.

The changes were made to the Edmonton Leaside Area Action Plan (ELAAP) following a ruling by a government planning inspector. But the council insists Meridian Water will still provide 10,000 homes and 6,000 jobs, with other sites coming forward to fill the gaps.

Councillor Edward Smith, deputy leader of the Conservative group, described the news as a "major

setback" for Meridian Water. He said: "The intention was to put homes on strategic industrial land. The Greater London Authority will not allow that until the council provides substitute land."

"I don't know whether the council can provide alternative sites. They have had two to three years to come up with that. It is a blow for their plans and will have major implications for the viability of the project."

A council spokesperson said: "ELAAP is not the full Meridian Water plan to deliver 10,000 homes over a 25-year period, but an action plan relating to the Edmonton Leaside area over a shorter 15-year period."

"Other plans will feed into Meridian Water over the lifetime of the project to make up the balance of 10,000 homes. The council is fully supportive of the industrial designation given as part of ELAAP as it gives us the opportunity to raise revenue and facilitate employment opportunities in the short-term."

"The full scale of this project remains unchanged."

In other Meridian Water news, a developer has been chosen to build the first new homes. Galliford Try will construct 725 homes, with half designated 'affordable'. They will be built around the new Meridian Water Station – due to open this month – alongside public squares, shops and leisure facilities.

Galliford Try was chosen ahead of L&Q, Peabody and Redrow, after 17 developers lodged bids. The decision marks a key milestone of the project, after previous deals with developers Barratt Homes and Hong Kong-based Pacific Century Premium Developments (PCPD) fell through in 2017 and 2018 respectively.

Council leader Nesil Caliskan said: "When we were boldly talking about 50% affordable homes, how we wanted to deliver quickly and not risk overseas developers, we were told 'you are not going to have much interest'."

"The interest we have found demonstrates that if you have a clear vision of your priorities, you are not scaring off developers but being up-front about what is acceptable."

Stephen Teagle from Galliford Try said: "We will create an environment for local people to thrive – providing affordable homes, opportunities for start-up businesses to flourish, great public spaces, and a design celebrating the parkland character of the Lea Valley."

Construction of the first 725 homes is due to be completed by 2022

Cleaner buses

Transport for London is introducing a new low-emission bus zone (LEBZ) in Edmonton, as part of efforts to tackle air pollution.

Only buses that meet the cleanest emission standards can operate within the new LEBZ between Ponders End High Street and Seven Sisters Road, via Fore Street, which includes 23 bus routes.

Mayor of London Sadiq Khan said: "Our existing LEBZs have dramatically reduced pollution – I'm delighted we can now bring the benefits to Lewisham, Stratford and Edmonton."

New mayor

New Mayor of Enfield Kate Anolue has vowed to smash her own record by raising at least £44,000 for charity this year.

Cllr Anolue, a former midwife at North Middlesex Hospital, was mayor in 2012/13 but is a popular choice to take up the chains of office once again. She said: "I urge my fellow councillors, both left and right, to work together to make Enfield a better place."

Bikes for hire

Hire bikes will soon be available in Enfield after urban cycling firm Beryl announced its "innovative" scheme. From Friday 28th June Beryl's distinctive emerald green bikes can be hired via smartphone apps allowing users to find and unlock them. Riders can leave the bikes in specific bays, or elsewhere for an extra charge. Boss Philip Ellis said: "We are pleased to partner with Enfield Council to make cycling more accessible."

Housing help

Enfield Council's 'extra care housing' service for older people will be significantly improved after a bid for nearly £10million was successful.

The scheme, based in Winchmore Hill, will now benefit from the provision of 91 accessible, self-contained homes offering 24-hour care for people who wish to live independently. Carefully-designed communal facilities, including a library and IT suite, lounges, activity rooms and a hairdressing and treatment room, will help residents to socialise. A £9.4m grant is being made by the Greater London Authority.

Leader defends administration after latest Labour turmoil

Nesil Caliskan speaks out after recently departed deputy leader said working with her was "intolerable"

BY JAMES CRACKNELL



The new Enfield Council cabinet with leader Nesil Caliskan, centre **Credit** Enfield Council

The leader of Enfield Council has dismissed criticism by her former deputy as "sour grapes" following a tumultuous few weeks in the local Labour Party.

Nesil Caliskan says Labour councillors in Enfield are "very united" despite half the previous cabinet deciding not to stand for re-election at the group's annual general meeting (AGM) and 14 councillors since claiming that party procedures had not been followed.

In a scathing attack on his former boss, former deputy leader Daniel Anderson said working with Cllr Caliskan for the past year was "intolerable" and that he had been "systematically undermined".

Speaking to the *Dispatch*, the council leader dismissed this criticism and said: "This wouldn't be a democracy if we all agreed with each other. Daniel Anderson put his name forward to challenge me but at the last moment before we went to a vote he withdrew.

"We are a very united group. The previous cabinet achieved a lot.

It is only a handful of the old guard [being critical] – the rest of our councillors are getting on with the job."

At last month's AGM councillors Ahmet Oykener, Dino Lemonides, Achilleas Georgiou and Yasemin Brett all stood down as cabinet members, in addition to Cllr Anderson. Elected in their place were Rick Jewell, the new cabinet member for children's services; Gina Needs, now in charge of social housing; Mahtab Uddin, boss of public health; and Ian Barnes, the new deputy leader. Two previous associate cabinet members have also been replaced by Mustafa Cetinkaya and Claire Stewart.

Cllr Caliskan described the new cabinet as "very talented" and dismissed accusations that they were inexperienced. She said: "No-one is entitled to a position in the council, you have to win support from other Labour councillors. It is unfortunate that some people are sore losers but that is the nature of things. We are talking about sour grapes."

Cllr Anderson had earlier spoken

out about what it had been like to work in the cabinet for the past year, fiercely criticising the way the council has been run since Cllr Caliskan became leader in May 2018. He told the *Dispatch*: "We sought to try to work with her, to run a big organisation with a £1 billion budget. We are all professionals with

"It is only a handful of the old guard [being critical] – the rest of our councillors are getting on with the job"

experience and we did our best, but we have been systematically undermined for the whole year.

"My role as deputy leader was in name only. I was not kept informed and my advice wasn't sought – if I did give advice it was ignored.

"I could have resigned at any point in the year but I was trying to get the administration to address these issues by being inside rather than

outside. You have to work with what you can, but it became intolerable."

Cllr Anderson was one of several councillors who made complaints to Labour's National Executive Committee (NEC) relating to "irregularities" in the selection process for candidates leading up to the 2018 local election. Following a six-month investigation, the NEC issued a rebuke to the Labour group in Enfield, banning them from running the next selection process and requiring membership checks to be made at branch meetings. Allegations of rule breaking are still to be examined by Labour's governance unit.

The joint statement signed last month by Labour councillors Achilleas Georgiou, Ahmet Oykener, Vicki Pite, Derek Levy, Ayfer Orhan, Charith Gunawardena, Dinah Barry, Tolga Aramaz, Anne Brown, Dino Lemonides, Daniel Anderson, Yasemin Brett, Bernie Lappage, plus former leader Doug Taylor, said: "Half the members on Enfield Council's cabinet withdrew at the Labour group AGM. They took a decision not to serve for the forthcoming municipal year. They were joined by other Labour councillors, almost half of the Labour group, who also decided not to serve on the ruling executive.

"Collectively, they supported the view taken by local constituency Labour parties, including the

Music festival to go ahead

BY SIMON ALLIN,
LOCAL DEMOCRACY
REPORTER

A major music festival planned for Edmonton will go ahead this month after organisers overcame previous objections.

Field Day will be held at the Orbital Business Park on the Meridian Water regeneration site, with headline acts for the event set to include rapper Skepta and R&B singer-songwriter Jorja Smith.

The Metropolitan Police and London Fire Brigade had opposed the original plans for the festival – which previously had a maximum capacity of up to 50,000 people and alcohol sales until 6am – on safety grounds.

But last month the council's licensing committee was told they had withdrawn their objections after the organiser changed the plans to address the safety concerns that had been raised. The maximum crowd size was cut to 22,661 and alcohol sales will be allowed until 3am under the revised plans.

Haringey Council also withdrew its objection, and Enfield's safety advisory group told the meeting it was satisfied after receiving further information about the festival.

That left Tottenham Hotspur Football Club and three written objections from residents standing in the way of the plans. Spurs feared the festival could clash with its home games, causing strain on transport and posing a safety risk to the public and the emergency services. Officials from the football club later reached a deal that means the festival organisers need to get permission from Spurs before they confirm a date for the festival every year.

A safety condition was also attached to the licence restricting the maximum crowd allowed inside the indoor 'drum sheds' venue to 7,000 people.

Field Day takes place on Friday and Saturday, 7th and 8th June.

For more information:
Visit fielddayfestivals.com



Angela Greaves previously spent 18 years working for Enfield Citizens Advice

Connecting up the borough

Meet the new programme manager of support service Enfield Connections

BY ANDREW GURR

A new programme manager is at the helm of Enfield Connections – and is determined to improve the wellbeing of residents across the borough.

Enfield Connections is a free information and advice service, funded by Enfield Council, which aims to meet the needs of citizens who require support in their day-to-day lives with issues such as homelessness, accessing health services, and planning for later life.

Angela Greaves joined the Enfield Connections team in December 2018 and has almost 20 years of experience within the community sector in Enfield. Having graduated from the University of Central Lancashire with an honours degree in law, politics and history, Angela started her career at Edmonton County Court as an adviser, through Citizens Advice Enfield. She later sat on the

management board of the Enfield Law Centre.

Seeking a greater challenge, while continuing to give something back to the borough, Angela joined Enfield Connections with the vision to improve residents' access to the services they need the most.

She says: "Having worked for Citizens Advice Enfield for 18 years, I understand what issues residents

One Enfield, and the Homeless Resource Centre. Each partner plays a crucial role in ensuring residents in the borough have access to the correct services for them.

Angela thanked each partner for their contributions and said she was optimistic about the future of Enfield Connections.

"Moving forward, we are planning to take on volunteers to work with us and be our ambassadors, who we would like to spread awareness about the Enfield Connections service and support our aims.

"We are an ambitious service and fully encourage anyone, no matter what issue they require help with, to contact Enfield Connections to receive the support they need."

"I understand what issues residents face and what they require"

face and what they require, and my role is to ensure the Enfield Connections service matches those needs.

"We are a relatively new service, having been in the borough for just over a year now, but we are progressing forward with the help of our brilliant partners."

Enfield Connections' partners are Mind in Enfield, Age UK Enfield, Citizens Advice Enfield, One-to-

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Making sense of numbers

BY SARAH MANSON

Enfield will be helping to pilot a new scheme in maths education in primary schools, where trained volunteers will run one-to-one sessions to help children who are falling behind in the subject.

The scheme is run by Number Sense, a charity founded at the start of this school year. Its area leader for Enfield, Alan Shackman, says: "Teachers have emphasised to us the huge need for giving some young children support in maths.

"We are looking forward to putting our volunteers into our partner schools in Enfield. We have already recruited locally but we would very much like more people to consider becoming volunteers – the main requirement is that they want to help children aged between six and eight."

Helen Paton, a teaching and learning advisor at Enfield Council, has worked with the charity to find four Enfield primary schools to be part of a trial starting in September this year. The schools will identify children in years two and three who have fallen behind in maths. Sessions with the volunteers will help children develop skills and confidence.

The schools include Honilands, whose headteacher Nuala McNeely is enthusiastic. She says: "There are always some children who just 'don't get' maths in the early years. This can lead to them developing a lifelong-fear of the subject and a belief that they can't do maths – which can create a vicious circle.

"We are very excited at the opportunity to have targeted support for these children and to be able to contribute to the development of the scheme. I think it is a great role for a volunteer – working with children is a privilege, and the feeling you get when a child grasps something they have learned with you is priceless.

"We have respectful, happy children who want to learn; sometimes they just need a little help to get there."

Number Sense has been running the scheme since September in five schools elsewhere in North London. Alan said: "The feedback from teachers is that there has already been a positive impact on the maths skills of the children involved.

"As with any pilot, there have been learning points along the way, and we are confident that we have a robust and tested product to deliver to schools in our second year."

For more information about Number Sense:

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Somewhere to talk

Edmonton charity is combating youth loneliness



Community House in Fore Street, Edmonton, is home to Every Parent and Child

BY ALICE MARTIN

Two thirds of young people believe loneliness is a problem for their age group, while autistic people are four times more likely to be lonely.

Loneliness can mean different things to different people, but generally it's seen as a mismatch between the relationships that we have and what we would like and want. It is a pervasive, consistent feeling of disconnection from those around

us, a sense of exclusion and unhappiness with your relationships. This is compounded by the fact that young people, particularly from low income groups, often feel less comfortable asking for help. For young people with special educa-

tional needs, this feeling of disconnection and aloneness is felt even more strongly.

Youth loneliness, characterised by feeling different or not fitting in, has multiple consequential effects, including physical and mental health challenges and, at its extreme, suicidal thoughts and feelings.

The most relevant impact, specifically in Enfield in light of the serious youth violence in Enfield, is the increased risk of getting involved in potential gang activities. Gangs encourage a false sense of having friends, further exacerbating the health and social costs for young people and our community.

In the long-term, over the period of a person's life, loneliness "has been linked to an increased risk of early death and carries a similar mortality risk to obesity" according to a recent report by the Samaritans.

Local charity Every Parent and Child recognises these specific challenges – particularly for young people with special educational needs and/or a disability. We embrace a person-centred approach, which enables

people to plan their own futures to get the services they need.

Every Parent and Child also runs a young people's steering group on the last Wednesday of each month, the content of which is driven by the requests of the young people present. This forum provides a safe space for young people with special education needs to speak up about challenges that they are experiencing, and provides a sense of community.

If you know someone whose child (aged between 15 and 25 years old) would benefit from participating and receiving assistance to make friends and engage with their peers, please let them know that this free support is available locally.

Every Parent and Child's young people's steering group takes place on the last Wednesday of the month, 4pm-6pm, at Community House, 311 Fore Street, Edmonton N9 0PZ

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Getting into work

An education programme is helping young people with learning difficulties access jobs

BY KIKI CHARALAMBOUS

The Supported Internship Programme (SIP) is part of a national strategy to provide access to paid employment for young people with additional needs.

Did you know that just 5% of adults with a learning disability are in paid employment? We want to help young people with additional needs, who would like to find work but need some extra assistance in doing so, to get on the right path to begin their career.

Our highly trained and experienced job coaches offer one-to-one support for interns as well as advice and guidance to employers to help support the transition into work. This one-year programme involves interns taking part in a work placement, lasting around six months, while also learning some key transferable skills in the classroom that can be put into practice while at work this gives them the best possible chance when entering the world of employment.

After the successes of last year's programme,

the West Lea SIP in Enfield continues to support young people aged 16-25 years. Nine out of ten interns from last year's cohort are now in paid employment, which makes us a leading provider in terms of outcomes for our students, and this year we are aiming for similar successes.

Some of our interns are now in employment at organisations such as Nando's, Tesco, Enfield Council and Fortuna Healthcare, plus many more employers who are working towards becoming more inclusive.

We continue to build and nurture relationships with local employers, both large and small, who add such value to our programme. If you think this programme might be for you, please join us at our open day on Wednesday 12th June, from 3.45pm until 5.45pm.

Find out more about the West Lea Supported Internship Programme:

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Dangerous driving fears on A10

Safety concerns as road is used for late night racing



The A10 connects the North Circular in Enfield with the M25 on the Hertfordshire border

BY SIMON ALLIN, LOCAL DEMOCRACY REPORTER

Speeding and dangerous driving on the A10 is putting people at risk of being killed, campaigners have warned.

Transport group Better Streets for Enfield has called for a crackdown on the car racers, who continue to make residents' lives a misery despite repeated pledges to put a stop to speeding drivers.

The group has written an open letter to Transport for London (TfL) and the Metropolitan Police following a series of weekends when racing has taken place late at night. It warns: "We are not sleeping on weekend nights due to the noise. That affects our health and relationships. There is a constant risk of death and serious injury as this criminal behaviour goes unchallenged."

"We have heard of three people dying on the A10 in 2018 – perhaps there were more. For each individual there was a family and community torn apart. And how many more have suffered life-changing injuries in high-speed collisions on the A10?"

The group hailed what it thought was a breakthrough in November 2017 after TfL, Enfield Council and the Met Police agreed measures

aimed at tackling the problem. Mobile speed cameras were rolled out and the council introduced regulations designed to make it easier for police to stop "car-cruising meets". TfL also promised to introduce average speed traps.

But racing has continued and Better Streets for Enfield warned that authorities were "passing the buck".

Detective Superintendent Andy Cox, of the roads and transport policing command, said: "Exceeding the speed limit is dangerous and a serious offence under the

looking into the option of speed cameras as a solution, as well as the use of mobile speed cameras deployed to high-risk locations and our ongoing funding of the roads and transport policing command."

A council spokesperson said: "We are aware of the issues on the A10 and sympathise with those who reside in the vicinity."

"In 2018 the council introduced public spaces protection orders to provide more effective powers to help reduce anti-social behaviour in the borough. One of these covers vehicle cruising, speeding, driving in convoy, racing, performing stunts, sounding horns and revving engines."

"Primary responsibility resides with the police. Our understanding is the police are dealing with these offences by charging individuals and issuing fixed penalty notices."

"We also understand the Met Police is under-resourced and there are difficulties in addressing offences of this nature. In the meantime, we continue to work with police and TfL to investigate long-term solutions."

To report a road traffic offence:
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"We are not sleeping on weekend nights due to the noise"

Road Traffic Act. People who do so are not properly in control of their vehicle and are more likely to be involved in a collision.

"Our roads policing teams are actively targeting motorists and riders who exceed the speed limit or commit other road traffic offences along the A10 and will take appropriate action against them."

Mayor of London Sadiq Khan wants to eliminate deaths and serious injury from London's roads by 2041. Stuart Reid, interim director of the 'Vision Zero' road safety project for TfL, said: "We are

Hospital homes planned

At least 200 homes will be built on a hospital car park after the site was bought by the Mayor of London. Sadiq Khan bought a 1.4-hectare site at North Middlesex University Hospital in Edmonton for £12.8million – using money from a £250m pot set aside for tackling London's housing crisis.

The site currently comprises a car park, offices, and hospital testing facilities, which will be relocated to other parts of the hospital. It was previously owned by LocatED, a government agency delivering the academy schools programme, but no plans materialised. The mayor now hopes to build more than 200 homes there, starting in 2022, with half provided as "genuinely affordable".

James Murray, deputy mayor for housing, said: "Under Sadiq, City Hall is taking a more active ap-

proach to unlocking sites across the capital. We are using the land fund he established to buy sites like this in Enfield, where we will build genuinely affordable homes while protecting healthcare for the community."

A hospital spokesperson said: "Facilities will be relocated to other parts of our hospital to ensure there is no loss of services. The car park is designated for staff use only."

However, in response to complaints that football fans have begun using the hospital car park since the opening of Tottenham Hotspur Stadium in April, they added: "We are in close liaison with the community team at Spurs to review and agree a way forward in resolving the matter ahead of the 2019/20 season. We are also considering alternatives for our car users, in order to provide them with additional parking spaces on match days."

Rail devolution progress

Progress is being made in the planned public takeover of Great Northern rail services, according to the boss of Transport for London (TfL).

Commissioner Mike Brown has confirmed TfL is putting together a bid to acquire the services out of Moorgate, which stop at Bowes Park, Palmers Green, Winchmore Hill, Grange Park, Enfield Chase, Gordon Hill and Crews Hill stations. The Govia Thameslink franchise is contracted to run the line until 2021.

At a recent transport committee meeting at City Hall, Mike said: "I am delighted to say we have all the information we need [for a bid] and the team is now beaver-ing away on it."

London Assembly Member for Enfield and Haringey Joanne McCartney has been campaigning for TfL to takeover the service,

as a way to solve long-running reliability problems, by incorporating it into the London Overground network. She said: "There are huge improvements that can be achieved by devolving this line. That is why I have been campaigning for TfL to run Great Northern services from Moorgate. Londoners deserve a better service and I strongly believe that TfL can deliver this."

"After the chaos and disruption of last year's timetable changes, these assurances from the commissioner will be welcomed by many local commuters who have so far had to endure an unreliable service from Govia Thameslink".

Mike Brown has previously compared discussions surrounding rail devolution in the capital to "pulling teeth" but says he is now more optimistic an agreement can be reached with the Department for Transport.





Dominic Dodd, chairman of Royal Free NHS Foundation Trust, greets the Duke of York

Royal approval

The Duke of York officially opened the new £200million Chase Farm Hospital building last month.

After being shown around the surgical facilities and meeting doctors, he said: "I am amazed at the speed at which this new hospital has been built.

"Hospitals are about increasing the likelihood of better patient outcomes and patient healthcare, and having been around this new hospital and met some of your staff, it is clear that that intent is being delivered.

"I would like to say congratulations on what you have achieved in the short time this hospital has been open. But more importantly, the work that NHS staff do on a daily basis can go unsung and I just want to pay my thanks to everyone here."

The Duke of York is patron of the Royal Free London NHS Foundation Trust, which runs Chase Farm.



The Duke of York meets NHS staff at Chase Farm Hospital

"The work that NHS staff do on a daily basis can go unsung"

Burying a time capsule



How the new incinerator in Edmonton will look once complete



Our fears over new incinerator

A campaign has been launched against the construction of a new waste plant in Edmonton

BY LOUISE KRZAN

Household waste has to go somewhere, but in this era of climate change protests and ultra-low emission zones, we have a huge opportunity to develop sustainable, clean, environmentally-friendly waste solutions for the future.

So why, as the current Edmonton incinerator comes to the end of its life, has the government agreed plans to replace it with one of the largest incinerators in Europe? The Stop the Edmonton Incinerator Now campaign aims to challenge this decision.

The proposed new incinerator, branded an 'Energy Recovery Facility' (ERF), is the brainchild of the North London Waste Authority (NLWA). Estimated as costing taxpayers around £650million, it could lock us into burning 700,000 tonnes of waste, much of it recyclable, every year for the next three decades. A study last year by the UK Without Incineration Network

(UKWIN) estimated one tonne of CO2 was emitted by incinerators for each tonne of waste burned.

Stop the Edmonton Incinerator Now is a campaign started by concerned local mothers from neighbouring Waltham Forest. Worried about the air pollution children are already exposed to, an incinerator rebuild also locks future generations into huge carbon emissions

of London's pledge to increase London's household recycling rate to 65% by 2030. Imagine how far just half of that £650m would go if spent on education and support for residents and businesses with low rates of recycling?

The incinerator's high capacity and financial viability depends on a constant supply of waste to burn, which, combined with generous

government subsidies – as evidenced by other boroughs with incinerators – actively discourages investment in recycling and

other more sustainable forms of waste management.

The Stop the Edmonton Incinerator Now campaign, supported by UKWIN, is raising awareness and providing information to locals about what the incinerator rebuild would mean for them and to challenge the notion that incineration is the only way to deal with London's waste.

For more information on the campaign: Visit stop-edmonton-incinerator.org

“The incinerator... discourages investment in recycling and sustainable waste management”

without fully exploring the alternatives. Despite using advanced emission filters, incinerators still contribute considerable amounts of harmful toxins, pollutants and ultra-fine particles into the atmosphere and the monitoring results are not adequately open to public scrutiny.

The more we looked into this, the more the decision to build a new incinerator seemed like an archaic way to deal with waste. The planned incinerator contradicts the Mayor

High praise for hospital

In our latest councillor's column, Highlands ward member Lee David-Sanders welcomes new facilities and homes at Chase Farm

I am really pleased to have represented Highlands for more than five years now. Since our election last year, ward councillors Joanne Laban, Glynis Vince and I have worked hard to ensure residents have a strong voice representing them.

Highlands is a largely suburban ward which stretches from Enfield Chase to Oakwood and contains a large part of Enfield's precious Green Belt. In the north-east corner is Chase Farm Hospital. For many years we fought to save Chase Farm and we are now

fortunate to have a new state-of-the-art hospital building there. While we would have preferred the accident and emergency department retained, there is an urgent care centre with extended opening hours. The work that has been done on Chase Farm is an excellent boost to people in Enfield.

As well as the new hospital, the demolition of dilapidated buildings has made way for quality homes to be built. These homes are by far the

best designed new houses that have been constructed in the borough for many years. They are spacious, family-sized homes built to high standards. There are also plans to build a school on the site (*New schools proposed*, Page 14) which I would urge residents of Highlands, as well as neighbouring Chase and Town wards, to look at and send in their views.

As chair of the council's crime scrutiny panel I am concerned with the rise in crime over the last year. Residents in Highlands have become increasingly concerned with the increase in residential burglary and car theft. Across the borough we have seen a 10% increase in knife crime violence against people. Enfield is the fourth worst London borough for serious youth violence, with neighbouring Barnet ranked among the bottom half.

In January we saw the creation of the North Area Borough Command Unit with the merger of Enfield and Haringey's policing operation. While it is still early days the new borough commander needs to ensure enough is being done to tackle the serious issue of violence within Enfield.

As Highlands councillors we hold regular ward forums and work with residents' groups such as the Western Enfield Residents' Association and Enfield RoadWatch. Our priorities for the year are to focus on crime, defend the Green Belt from development, and hold the Labour administration to account to make sure residents get value for money.

Cllr David-Sanders represents Highlands along with Joanne Laban and Glynis Vince (all Conservative). Surgeries are held at The Olive Tree Café in Chase Court Gardens on the first Saturday of each month.

Call 020 8379 2492

Email cllr.Lee.David-Sanders@enfield.gov.uk

Cllr David-Sanders was elected in 2014





The cycle lanes along Green Lanes were built with help from Experimental Traffic Management Orders

Time running out for cycling 'experiment'

Last chance to voice concern over road changes, writes Helen Osman on behalf of Save Our Green Lanes

Many people in Enfield may not be aware that the costly and disruptive A105 Green Lanes cycle lane scheme is an 'experiment'.

Specifically, it is the changes that Enfield Council had to make to parking spaces and loading bays to build the cycle lanes that are subject to 'experimental' traffic orders between Enfield Town and Palmers Green. This includes the removal of loading bays for businesses in Winchmore Hill and Palmers Green; reduced disabled bays and on-street parking; the 'floating parking bays' outside of the cycle lanes; and uncontrolled parking along residential stretches of the road.

How can such radical, expensive and disruptive changes to the A105 constitute an experiment? Because in 2016 there were so many objections in the statutory consultation to this cycle lane scheme that the only way for the council to push ahead with building the cycle lanes without holding a

public inquiry was to state that it was being constructed using Experimental Traffic Management Orders (ETMOs) under Section 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

This highways legislation is intended for experimental changes as a pilot – not an entire road scheme constructed using permanent materials. So is this a misuse of highways law? Maybe, but the law does require that ETMOs can only stay in force for 18 months before the local authority must consult local residents on whether or not to make the changes permanent.

The next question, then, is whether the people of Enfield want these changes to delivery bays, loading, parking and waiting on the A105 made permanent. You only have until Thursday 13th June 2019 to tell the council what you think.

Meanwhile, people living near Hertford Road in the east of the borough (the A1010) have also been adversely affected by

ETMO changes and will be encouraged to participate later this year in a consultation about the changes being made permanent. You might be thinking the cycle lanes have already been built, so why bother? We believe it's important because many people have been badly affected – and there are important democratic principles at stake. Last summer the council tried to make these road changes permanent without holding a public consultation.

If these changes have had an adverse impact on your business, your home life or – if you are a blue badge holder – your ability to get around Enfield, please make your views known.

Take part in the A105 Experimental Traffic Orders consultation before the deadline on Thursday 13th June:

Visit tinyurl.com/A105-parking-loading-consult

Read the Save Our Green Lanes leaflet on the consultation:

Visit tinyurl.com/SOGL-A105-leaflet

Send us your letters

Got an opinion on something in Enfield? We accept letters of up to 200 words from people and organisations in the borough. Email EnfieldDispatch@socialspider.com before the next deadline on Tuesday 18th June.

Bowling for jazz

Dear Enfield Dispatch

It was a surprise to read the recent article in the *Dispatch* last month about Ziggy's World Jazz (*Getting Ziggy with it*, Issue 8, Page 13), implying that this was the only place to hear jazz in Enfield. On the contrary, many jazz lovers including my friends and family have been enthralled for years by performances at Enfield's Googlies Jazz Supper Club.

Googlies, which attracts the best jazz musicians and vocalists in the UK, has been going since 2002 and for me, Thursday night is 'jazz night' – I always turn down other invitations because it is guaranteed there will be great jazz at Googlies. It is based at Botany Bay Cricket Club in East Lodge Lane, where the club pavilion is turned into a real live atmospheric jazz club. The house band is astonishingly talented and it is clear that visiting guest musicians really enjoy playing with them. Supper, which is optional, includes lovely home-cooked food, and the bar is well equipped. It is all well priced. If you love jazz you will love Googlies.

Christine Whetstone
Enfield

Cycle lanes waste money

Dear Enfield Dispatch

I read your article which stated that £6million was being put towards improving Enfield Town (*Mayor funds £6m revamp of Enfield Town*, Page 3, Issue 7). At end of the article council leader Nes Caliskan touched on cycle lanes, saying they alone won't regenerate the town centre. Yet £30million (from the Mayor of London) has been wasted on cycle lanes. Meanwhile, youth services have been cut, with another article in the *Dispatch* stating Enfield Council had made some of the most severe cuts of all London boroughs (*Youth services slashed since riots*, Page 1, Issue 7).

It is so sad to see the decline in Enfield over the years. It can be made better if people took more pride in the community and the area they live in.

Marilyn Hamilton
Heene Road, Enfield

Save our scouts

Dear Enfield Dispatch

I am dismayed by the new application for development of the sports field used by 5th Southgate Scouts, to turn it into a car wash (*Car wash planned on scout group's field*, Page 14). I think it is important to make the most of our local assets such as open spaces, especially in this case where the scouts have made use of this place for 90 years.

When the first application was made in February there was an immediate reaction to it and local residents made their feelings known and lodged appeals through the Enfield Council's planning website. It was not enough, however, and surprisingly the same application – with a few modifications – has been submitted again. Many people do not realise this can happen repeatedly, unless some kind of legal process is put in place to ensure the land is registered only for specific uses.

The people applying for the car wash say it is vacant land but the residents believe it to be a community open space. Can the council clarify this?

Time to ditch NHS trust

Dear Enfield Dispatch

I am calling for Chase Farm Hospital to be removed from the Royal Free London NHS Foundation Trust and incorporated into North Middlesex University Hospital NHS Trust, after the Care Quality Commission downgraded Royal Free from 'good' to 'requires improvement'.

It would make sense because of North Mid's location within Enfield, the population it serves, and both hospitals' shared knowledge and expertise of the borough's health needs. To ensure Enfield residents have the best access to and standard of care from their local hospitals, it makes far more sense for Chase Farm and North Mid to work together in partnership, so that the two hospitals can manage demand for elective surgery and A&E services across the borough. I'm launching this campaign with a petition on my website.

Joan Ryan
Change UK MP for Enfield North

Neil Littman
Winchmore Hill

Demanding better from GP surgeries

Claire Fisher from Healthwatch Enfield on what public feedback has revealed



Improvements in health and care services for children and young people are a key priority for Healthwatch Enfield
Credit NHS England

Last year we asked patients about their experiences of booking an appointment to see their doctor. An impressive 1,071 of you shared your views and we have now published a report showing our findings.

In summary, one third of you told us that you experience difficulties booking a GP appointment, and there is clear evidence that patients from the most deprived areas in the borough face the greatest challenges in booking

appointments as well as having to wait longer.

This is at odds with the stated ambition of the regional NHS transformation partnership, North London Partners in Health and Care, to deliver consistent, high quality services throughout the boroughs of Barnet, Camden, Enfield, Haringey and Islington.

This is why, at Healthwatch Enfield, we will be working with GP practices and local health leaders to take a more

in-depth look at the reasons for these differences. Ultimately, we want to work with practices and patients to co-design systems and processes that work best and seek to give patients equal access across all areas of the borough.

You can download the full report from our website or sign up to our newsletter to keep informed of latest developments on this and other projects. In the meantime, a huge thank you for taking the time to participate; not only does it make our job so much easier, it makes your voices heard where it counts. As we always say, together we really are making a difference!

This financial year of 2019/20 is going to be another busy year for Healthwatch Enfield. Based on your feedback, we will be focusing on carrying out research and public engagement while also seeking to make improvements around booking GP appointments, adult mental health services, and health and care services for children and young people, including those with learning disabilities and autism.

We will also continue to work at strategic levels to ensure that the integration agenda, promised by the NHS Long Term Plan, is realised and works for Enfield. Want to get involved in any of this work? Call us to discuss opportunities we have on offer. And in the meantime, look out for our pop-up stalls across the borough or follow us on social media to stay involved with shaping your local services.

healthwatch
Enfield

For more information about Healthwatch Enfield and to get in touch:

Call 020 8373 6283

Email info@healthwatchenfield.co.uk

Tweet @HealthwatchEnf

Visit healthwatchenfield.co.uk

Find out more about falls

Enfield Over 50s Forum president Monty Meth encourages pensioners to attend a free fall prevention advice event

The number of Enfield residents aged 65 and over who have suffered from a fall in the last year just topped 1,000, according to the NHS.

New figures reveal that in the year ending March 2019, 330 people aged over 65 were admitted to hospital as a result of a fall, leading mainly to fractures of hips, knees or wrists. Although this was a decrease on the 364 people admitted to hospital the previous year, when another 676 over-65s treated as casualties in accident and emergency departments are included, the combined number

of accidents rises to 1,006.

Reducing the number of falls among older people remains a top priority for Enfield Over 50s Forum, particularly when we are told that many can be prevented and that 40% of local ambulance call-outs are responding to falls.

We are also now told that one in three people aged over 65 will have a fall this year on average – for the over-80s the forecast is that half of them will suffer at least one fall. To beat this gloomy prediction, the forum is holding an upbeat day of music, dancing, advice and

exercises aimed at helping people stay fit and healthy. Our free 'Focus on Falls' event this month is sponsored by Enfield NHS Clinical Commissioning Group and will feature expert advice on hearing and balance, nutrition, blood pressure checks, free afternoon tea, coffee and cakes.

The event will be opened by Dr Nick Rollitt, consultant geriatrician at North Middlesex Hospital. The array of activities will range from seated exercises to folk dancing, workshops on bone health, Tai Chi, advice on diabetes, and activities

such as walking football. There'll be a free raffle and a jazz band to entertain – plus much more.

Enfield Over 50s Forum believes that while falls present unique challenges for older people, many can be prevented by thinking carefully and watching where we are walking, ensuring medication is right, and getting our hearing and eyesight regularly checked.

With six out of ten falls said to happen at home we all need to make sure that carpets are safe and clutter is removed to prevent tripping. We are told too not to sit

for long periods, but to regularly walk and exercise our muscles. The key message will be that falls are not an inevitable part of getting older – you do not have to stay at home and cut back on things you enjoy doing.

Enfield Over 50s Forum's Focus on Falls event takes place 9am-4pm on Monday 17th June at Edmonton Leisure Centre, 2 The Broadway, Edmonton N9 0TR.
To request a programme:

Email info@enfieldover50sforum.org.uk

Power to change

Company is leading the way on green energy, writes former councillor Alan Sitkin

At a time of concern about politicians' motives, it is worth remembering that some seek public office for wholesome policy reasons. This can mean poverty alleviation, educational opportunity, or community cohesion.

For me it meant green business; two elements forging my professional and academic background. As a former councillor chosen in 2010 to chair the environmental scrutiny panel, a new focus seemed necessary. Action in the policy area of the environment was being discussed in mainly operational terms; garbage collection, litter, spitting bans. My goal became promoting Enfield Council's sustainability – its responsibility to de-carbonise. But how?

The opportunity came circa 2012 in discussions with Ian Davis, now the council chief executive, about the Edmonton incinerator. Its chimneys emit heat when burning non-recyclable waste, but by applying circular economy principles, we quickly realised this heat could be captured and re-sold. The challenge was how to make it happen. An in-house thinktank brought in economists who spoke of Birmingham's "municipal socialism" in running its own utility. We wanted Enfield to revive this tradition of state-owned enterprise, which I discovered was already operating in cities such as Paris and Hamburg. Then deputy leader Achilleas Georgiou also had experience in the field. We gained confidence in our idea – a council-owned energy supplier "offering better-value energy which is efficient, reliable and environmentally friendly" – and Energetik was born.

While Energetik's basic premise

"Enfield has a fantastic asset in Energetik, lauded nationwide as a great example of how to combat climate change"



Energetik runs district heating networks on new housing estates such as this one in Arnos Grove

was simple, this highly technical venture was only going to thrive by hiring industry specialists to run it. Our excellent chief executive Jayne Clare has been with Energetik since the outset and embodies all the promise of public-private partnerships. Jayne developed a robust business plan audited by professionals.

When I joined the cabinet in 2014 we brought the plan to a full council meeting, which voted to fund start-up operations, including combined heat and power (CHP) units in new housing developments.

Today Energetik already serves four residential sites in Enfield. We wrote the service into council plan-

ning documents, so the number will increase in the years to come. That isn't the big picture, however. Energetik is designed to take heat away from the Edmonton waste facility (enough for 30,000 homes) and sell it to mass projects such as Meridian Water, just the other side of the North Circular.

This necessitates an expensive energy centre transferring heat into pipes servicing customers. The investment outlay isn't a problem since the numbers stack up excellently, as long as the company operates at scale – therefore linking Energetik's success inextricably to the amount of housing at Meridian Water and to co-operation

agreements extending pipes into neighbouring boroughs.

I hope councillors past, present and future can work strategically and effectively. Enfield has a fantastic asset in Energetik, lauded nationwide as a great example of how to combat climate change. Politicians like to talk and aspire. Enfield has taken action.

Alan Sitkin is a former Labour Party councillor and until 2018 was cabinet member for economic regeneration and business. For more information about Energetik:

Call 0333 241 4551

Visit energetik.london

Warming up in June

Jo Johnson from local business network Love Your Doorstep looks forward to an eventful summer

June is a great month to enjoy what our borough has to offer. The warmer weather (hopefully) encourages us to head outside and experience the many outdoor events taking place throughout the month.

The events season doesn't really have a beginning or end in Enfield, however June is when we really start to see what we call 'festival season' gearing up and we take the fun outside!

Shakespeare hits the local parks with some open air theatre via performances of *Much Ado About Nothing* on Wednesday 5th and Saturday 8th June, in Bury Lodge Park. Also on that Saturday, *Romeo and Juliet* arrives at Forty Hall. Then on Sunday 9th we have the monthly Farmer's Market at Forty Hall which brings an array of locally-grown produce from suppliers such as Holtwhites Bakery. Another important cultural festival

which has become an annual event now is the Lamb Arts Festival in Edmonton. Held in the area around All Saints Church from Saturday 22nd until Friday 28th June is this week-long celebration of the lives and legacies of Charles and Mary Lamb.

We are also thrilled to see that once again, the monthly 'Lazy Sunday' events will take place at Hilly Fields over the summer period. These free concerts held in

the bandstand are very popular and it's lovely to see the field completely covered with picnics. Best of all, the concerts raise money for local charities, so make sure you take your loose change for the collection buckets! The first in the series takes place on Sunday 16th June and is in support of Zebras Children and Adults Charity.

Some other fundraisers taking place in June include annual favourite Music on the Lawn, which returns to Forty Hall on Sunday 30th June and brings rock, pop, blues, soul and more. Local charity Noah's Ark Children's Hospice will be holding their 'Rainbow Run' at Trent Park so sign up for your place in run and get covered in colours!

Another important date in June is of course Father's Day. If you visit the blog section of the Love Your Doorstep website you will find our guide to local gifts and events taking place, in celebration of dads!



Keep up-to-date with what's going on in Enfield:

Visit enfield.loveyourdoorstep.co.uk/blog

Last year's Livestock, which is now in its eighth year Credit Livestock



Dodgy line up for summer festival

Britpop legends will headline Forty Hall Farm's epic celebration of live music

BY ANDREW WARSHAW

Livestock, Enfield's annual community-organised, not-for-profit music festival, returns for its eighth year next month.

In the enchanting setting of Forty Hall Farm, it promises to be bigger and better than ever. The 12-hour festival features more than 20 live acts and something for everyone on three separate stages, along with bars, food stalls and children's activities.

The headliners are iconic 90s act Dodgy, who rose to prominence as a fun-loving face of the Britpop era and are best known for their songs *Staying Out For The Summer*, *If You're Thinking of Me*, and *Good Enough*, which reached number four in the UK Singles Chart. Among their many albums are the gold-selling *Homegrown* and platinum *Free Peace Sweet*.

Signing Dodgy, who have performed at a string of high-profile festivals such as Glastonbury, is a major coup for Livestock. Such is their stature that the month

after visiting Forty Hall Farm the band is scheduled to play on the same bill as The Specials, The Zutons and Doves.

Other acts confirmed for Livestock include The Vipers, one of London's most dynamic and talented cover bands, featuring some of the capital's leading session musicians; Latin outfit Azucar Cubana; electronic wizards d'Voxx; and the outstanding Gentlemen of Few, who have generated a huge following with their infectious mix of folk-rock and bluegrass.

Among the regular visitors to Livestock is Christine Hamilton, a serving councillor and former Enfield mayor, who happens to be a massive music fan. She says: "I'm so looking forward to it. I've been to every one [of Livestock's festivals]."

"The talent is simply incredible, so come and have an amazing day in beautiful surroundings."

For the uninitiated, Livestock began as a small street party when residents of Goat Lane built a stage at the end of their road for local musicians. It has since burgeoned into North London's most eagerly-

awaited musical extravaganza.

Last year's Livestock attracted a record 2,600 revellers and among the acts being welcomed back this year are Mojo Rising, with their exciting repertoire of disco, soul and funk covers; the unmissable Boom La Tete, high-energy masters of gypsy swing; and rockabilly maestros Wesley Karr and the Automobiles.

The eclectic mix of music also features two very different but equally popular tribute bands in Foo Fighters and Abba Chique, while the Woodland blues stage features hotshot Texas blues outfit Blues Chapter, skiffle group The London Bonnevilles, plus the legendary Keith Airey Band. Keith is rock royalty having played with the likes of Tom Jones, The Zombies and Nick Kershaw.

Livestock takes place on Saturday 27th July. Tickets are £25 in advance or £30 on the door (card payments accepted). An evening pass is available after 7pm for £15. Children aged under 12 go free, teenagers up to 17 years can get in for £5. For more information:

Visit livestockuk.com

Cockfosters choir

BY JUDITH REEVE

Adoramus is a choir and orchestra, gathered from many different denominations, offering concerts that communicate aspects of the Christian faith creatively, sensitively, and to a high standard.

This musical community is based in Cockfosters and seeks to offer one another encouragement and support through a shared faith and love of music. The choir and orchestra are led by music director David Hooke, whose vision, commitment and expertise have made Adoramus a unique experience for singers, orchestral musicians and listeners alike. We are always pleased to hear from singers who might like to join us.

Adoramus was formed in 1996 and performs four concerts a year in a variety of venues in Enfield, London and Hertfordshire. Past local venues have included Latymer School, Lea Valley Leisure Centre,

Oasis Academy, St Ignatius College, and a wide range of local churches.

To perform at large venue concerts such as at the Watford Colosseum and the Alban Arena, singers are invited to join us for at least a term. We also invite school choirs to have the opportunity to sing with a large choir and professional orchestra. Local children's choirs who have performed with us include The Prince of Wales School, Trent School, Eastfield School, the Raglan School and the Beniaminek Polish Children's Choir. Our music ranges from opera, show scores, oratorio, and symphonic music, through to gospel, jazz and contemporary worship songs.

Adoramus has been on four concert tours to northern Italy and has also visited Normandy. The orchestra and singers gave two concerts in Turkey in 2014, one being an international friendship concert with the choir of a major university and the other with the Mayor of Enfield. The choir has also provided music for

On the money

A children's art project is taking inspiration from Andy Warhol and the world's first cash machine



Rachel and Anna from ColourMeIn Art School with two of the murals

commemorates D-Day



Adoramus Choir's music director David Hooke

two services on BBC radio, taken part in a *Songs of Praise* recording, and appeared at the Royal Albert Hall in 2017.

Adoramus' next concert commemorates the 75th Anniversary of D Day and takes place at the Alban Arena on Saturday 29th June at 7.30pm.

For more information:

Visit adoramus.com

BY MICHELLE KEADY

A partnership between 16 diverse primary schools across Enfield – the Excellence in Learning Community (ELC) – is working together to deliver excellence in learning



created by Enfield schoolchildren

across the community.

Our upcoming art project, in conjunction with not-for-profit organisation ColourMeIn Art School, celebrates Enfield and will involve more than 2,000 children. Each school is creating a mural with bank notes that the children have designed and coloured, when displayed all together will spell 'Enfield Community'.

The murals will be displayed in a style similar to Andy Warhol's *Money Factory* and will circle a sculpture of a cash machine, also decorated with more bank notes. This celebrates the significance of the first ATM in the UK being installed at a bank in Enfield Town in June 1967.

The bank notes centre around the mythological 'beast' creature that is often used as a logo for Enfield. The fictitious character is formed from the head of a fox, the chest of the greyhound, the body of a lion, the tail of the wolf, and the legs and talons of an eagle! Each school has been allocated one animal to use as the icon of their bank note. These creatures within the logo also have power words that each school has embraced, such as wisdom, prowess, courage, friendship and strength. Rachel Oxborough, artist and owner of ColourMeIn Art School,

said: "Working with ELC has been such a fantastic privilege for us. Our passion is to support education by providing more creative opportunities for schools.

"This event embraces that art is not just about drawing or painting, but that art underpins our communities and businesses. Without creativity, the fabric of society will disintegrate. It all starts with education and the community. That is why this project is so important."

The primary school children have been incredibly excited to be part of this project. Because of increasing funding restraints, schools have difficulty providing creative opportunities which are paramount to the wellbeing and learning potential of our children. This is why we are looking for local businesses to sponsor the event. All money raised will go towards ELC and support our schools with future creative opportunities.

The Enfield Community exhibition will be displayed at the Dugdale Centre from 12pm on Sunday 30th June, until Saturday 6th July. For more information about ELC:

Email michelle@excellenceinlearningcommunity.org.uk

Visit excellenceinlearningcommunity.org.uk

LISTINGS

Submit your listing

We can include low-cost community events taking place in Enfield. For March listings, email the details of your event to enfielddispatch@socialspider.com by Tuesday 18th June.

POETRY

All Saints Sessions:

Fusion of Poetry and Sound

Saturday 22nd June, 9.30pm
All Saints Church Edmonton,
Church Street, Edmonton N9 9PB

Poet Cheryl Moskowitz and electronic musician/composer Alastair Gavin host their regular bi-monthly performance in a candlelit 15th Century church.

Free entry for locals, others £5

Visit allsaintssessions.uk

Poetry in Palmers Green

Saturday 29th June, 1.30pm–4pm
Palmers Green Library, Broomfield Lane, Palmers Green N13 4EY

The workshop is led by Christine Vial a widely published poet and experienced tutor. This friendly and informal workshop is for anyone who has started writing poetry or would like to give it a try.

£15 tickets, £10 concession

Call 07905 209 459

Email christine@roomofherown.plus.com

SPORT

Over 60s Snooker

Tuesdays and Fridays, 1pm–5.30pm
Tuckers Park, Woodbine Grove,
Clay Hill EN2 0DZ

Fancy a game of snooker? New members wanted for the North Enfield Fellowship Club – offering conversation and good company!

Call 020 8367 3467

TALK

Finding Nemon

Tuesday 25th June, 10:30am
Jubilee Hall, 2 Parsonage Lane,
Enfield EN2 0AJ

Enfield Society is hosting a talk on Oscar Nemon by Lady Aurelia Young. Nemon (1906–1985) is one of the 20th Century's greatest sculptors, responsible for iconic portraits of elder statesmen and major figures.

Free entry for members, £1 others

Visit enfieldsociety.org.uk

CONCERT

Enfield Choral Society

Saturday 29th June, 7.30pm
St Stephen's Church, Village Road,
Bush Hill Park, Enfield EN1 2ET

Performing Will Todd's Mass in Blue and a new jazz piece by our musical director Mark Sproson. We will be accompanied by the Hot Orange Big Band who will also be playing some of their own numbers.

Tickets £12 advance

Visit enfieldchoralsociety.org.uk

MUSIC

Lazy Sunday Afternoon in Hilly Fields

Sunday 16th June, 3pm–5.30pm
Hilly Fields Bandstand, Clay Hill,
Enfield EN2 9AJ

Bring the family and a picnic for music on the bandstand. On 16th June The Googlies Sextet play a jazz set in support of Zebras Children and Adults Charity.

Free entry

Visit hillyfields.info/bandstand-events

HEALTH

Edmonton Diabetes UK Group

Thursday 13th June, 7pm
The Salvation Army Centre,
339 Forest Street N9 DNU

A new group aimed at connecting people in Edmonton will be launched this month. The group aims to support people with diabetes and will regularly meet to hear a range of speakers over the months.

Free entry

Email edmontondiabetesiff@gmail.com

Focus on Falls Prevention

Monday 17th June, 9am–4pm
Edmonton Leisure Centre,
2 The Broadway, Edmonton N9 0TR

An upbeat day for older people with music, dancing, exercise and advice on how to avoid falling over. With stalls and advice including free blood pressure checks and health workshops.

Free entry

Email info@enfieldover50sforum.org.uk

AROUND THE BOROUGH

WINCHMORE HILL

Car wash planned on scout group's field

BY SIMON ALLIN, LOCAL DEMOCRACY REPORTER

SCOUTS FEAR THEIR LOCAL group's field is under threat, after plans to open a car wash were lodged with the council.

The 5th Southgate Scouts have been using The Paulin Ground, owned by The Paulin Trust, for outdoor activities such as cooking and survival skills, for more than 90 years. The group also holds an annual fireworks display at the site, which helps to raise vital funds.

But plans for a car wash on the land have left them fearful for its future. Scout leader Jayne Poole said: "It has lovely wildlife – the nature in that area is incredible. I am upset and horrified that there are people

who want to take that away from us. "We can't take open space away from these young people. They need to be in the fresh air. With the issues we have with kids today, we have got to allow them this open space."

The planning application states that the proposed car wash "will be closed when any scouts activities are arranged and will be fully ready for kids and in safe conditions".

But the scouts are not convinced and have been campaigning against the application. Ian Barnes, a Labour councillor for Winchmore Hill, said: "For 93 years the field has been an invaluable place for young people to make fires and cook, along with [learning] other survival skills in preparation for camping expeditions into the wilderness.



5th Southgate Scouts and local councillor Ian Barnes give the plans a thumbs down

"I work across the borough with groups who are desperately trying to provide opportunities and positive activities for young people. Such provision is all the more important given the dramatic increase in youth crime in Enfield.

The activities run by the 5th Southgate Scouts are exactly the sort of thing Enfield needs."

People can comment on the plans by visiting the council's planning register and searching for reference 19/01336/FUL.

GORDON HILL

New schools proposed

TWO NEW ACADEMY SCHOOLS are being planned on the former site of Chase Farm Hospital.

Last month around 400 people attended public exhibitions for the new primary and secondary schools, due to open in September 2020.

In 2017 the government purchased 6.8 hectares of land, formerly occupied by the hospital, from Enfield Council and the Royal Free Charity. Housing is also going to be built there.

The primary school and nursery run by One Degree Academy would provide up to 630 places, while the secondary school run by Wren Academy – sponsored by the Church of England – would accommodate up to 900 pupils.

For more information visit: chasefarmschools.co.uk.

PONDERS END

Estate tenants 'living without hot water'



The Alma Estate in Ponders End, which is in the process of being redeveloped

BY SIMON ALLIN, LOCAL DEMOCRACY REPORTER

COUNCIL TENANTS HAVE BEEN living for years in homes without hot water and heating, it has emerged.

The discovery at the Alma Estate was made by the council's housing 'MOT team' that was recently set up to carry out repairs across Enfield.

Former cabinet member for housing Dino Lemonides told councillors he was "horrified" by the discovery. He said: "The MOT team started off on the Alma Estate. I was shocked to hear they were coming across vulnerable people who had not had heating and hot water for a number of years, not months."

A quarterly performance report

showed 94.2% of repairs were carried out on council homes by contractors in the third quarter of 2018/19, against a target of 98%. The overall satisfaction rate with the repairs was 98.4%. Alev Cazimoglu, cabinet member for health and social care, said: "That is really good – but is not borne out by the anecdotal evidence we come across as councillors."

Cllr Lemonides added: "Any unsatisfactory repair is cause for concern. We have 44,000 to 54,000 repairs every year – even one or two percent unsatisfactory is a large figure."

The housing MOT team is an in-house team of workers sent out to carry out checks and repairs on council homes and was launched in October last year. Council leader Nesil Caliskan told the meeting that housing was "the number one issue" in the borough. She said: "It is why we said repairs was something we would make a priority, as well as accelerating the delivery of homes."

EDMONTON

Money for green link

TRANSPORT FOR LONDON is funding the creation of a tree-lined walking and cycling path linking the Meridian Water regeneration zone with Edmonton.

The route will connect Cemetery Walk with Angel Gardens at Conduit

Lane and will include full lighting, an avenue of trees, and shrub planting. A wildflower meadow will also help wildlife and complement the existing watercourse.

TfL has granted Enfield Council £720,000 to create the path. Cabinet member for environment Guney Dogan said: "The path will benefit both people walking and cycling while also providing a beautiful outdoor space for residents to enjoy at their leisure."

LAVENDER HILL

Community clean up

DOZENS OF BAGS OF LITTER have been collected by residents taking part in a community clean-up at Hilly Fields and Tuckers Park.

The call for action to help tackle dropped litter in local green spaces was put out on social media by Danielle Shap. In just one hour on a Sunday morning a group of residents filled 25 bags with litter, as well as retrieving a rubber tyre and a CD rack.

Danielle said: "In today's world where green space is under threat I thought it was important to give something back to our special Hilly Fields and Tuckers Park. I never could have foreseen what an amazing community event this would be.

"It was great to see local residents of all ages taking pride in their local area, educating the younger generations as to the importance of keeping our neighbourhood clean and people forming new friends."

More litter picking sessions are planned and the next one is on Sunday 23rd June from 9.30am.

Golf course rescue bid

Council-owned Whitewebbs Park is facing financial difficulty

BY SIMON ALLIN, LOCAL
DEMOCRACY REPORTER



Whitewebbs Park faces tough competition as one of dozens of golf courses in North London

Enfield Council is seeking a business partner to rescue a golf course it claims is losing money and faces continued decline.

Whitewebbs Park Golf Course – a 42-hectare stretch of Green Belt land near the borough’s northern border – is in need of “significant investment” to bring it up to modern standards, according to a council report.

The local authority wants to lease out the course to a commercial partner willing to improve the site’s facilities and boost its popularity. A previous bid to find a partner to run the golf course failed in 2018 but the council hopes changing the terms so the site is not solely restricted to golfing use will improve its chances of success.

The 18-hole course on Whitewebbs Lane, near Clay Hill, was designed by five-times Open Championship winner John Henry Taylor and opened in 1932. It also features two club houses, a shop selling golfing equipment and a café.

But Whitewebbs faces stiff competition from 19 other nearby golf courses, and the council report says that “without significant investment, the site would continue to operate at a loss and continue to deteriorate”.

The decision to lease out the course was challenged by members of the Conservative group, who called for it to be discussed at the council’s overview and scrutiny committee. They claimed the cabinet report failed to go into any detail as to why the current business model is failing. However, the committee subsequently voted by five to two in favour of the council’s decision. It will now press ahead with a marketing exercise to attract bids for the site.

The report also acknowledged “concern” from existing users over whether the new leaseholder might propose “alternative uses” to golf.

For more information about
Whitewebbs Park Golf Course:

Visit new.enfield.gov.uk/whitewebbsgolf

Slide tackling crime

BY POLICE CONSTABLE
HARRY MANSBRIDGE

A charity youth football tournament featuring more than 200 local school-children recently took place at Oasis Academy Hadley in Ponders End – with help from police officers.

The #Together event was run in conjunction with KickOff@3, Thrive, Mind and Haven Children’s Hospice, which all shared donations totalling £650.

I was one of the organisers and my favourite quote of the day was a young player who told me: “I didn’t think the old bill did things like this – I can actually talk to them like normal people now.” That alone made it all worthwhile.

Off-field activities included a boxing demonstration from Edmonton Eagles Boxing Club, a police officer demonstrating what his two police dogs Marnie and Lexy could do, an insight into the work of the Metropolitan Police Cadets, plus a health and wellbeing workshop.

A minute’s silence was also observed to remember young people who have lost their lives through knife crime.

Inspector Paul Dwyer, who helped me organise the day, said: “It was great to see so many young people come together to have fun and engage with police officers but also to reflect on the anti-knife crime message.”



The winners of the tournament were Jellott Promotions under-16s and Soccer Shop Window under-14s, who now qualify for a national event to be held on Sunday 7th July at The Warren. During the day 19 children expressed an interest in joining the Met Police Cadets and six youth teams have so far signed up to play in the Tottenham Youth League, this means we can get some ongoing benefits from the day, which is what we were really hoping for.

Waitrose Enfield Town, McDonalds Wood Green, Morrison’s Enfield and Sainsbury’s Low Hall all kindly donated refreshments on the day, for which we thank them very much.

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