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North Enfield Foodbank gave out 35,820 food parcels to vulnerable families in the first two months of the Covid-19 pandemic, three times more than given out in the same period last year. Fortunately, the spike in demand has been met by a similarly big rise in volunteers and donations, including this delivery from Palmers Green Mosque. Kerry Coe, the foodbank's manager, said: "It has been incredible to see the way the community has pulled together during this time."

Crisis in borough care homes

Enfield care sector among worst hit in London

BY JAMES CRACKNELL & SIMON ALLIN,
LOCAL DEMOCRACY REPORTER

Deaths in care homes across Enfield have been four times the usual rate since the start of the Covid-19 pandemic – with one councillor describing the impact as “a disaster”.

The borough has 82 care homes, the third-highest total in London, with some seeing one third of residents die since March. At Elizabeth Lodge in Highlands, at least 25 people have died since the pandemic began – including care worker Sonya Kaygan, who left behind a three-year-old daughter.

An Enfield Council cabinet meeting last month heard that some local care home providers may struggle to survive the impact of the crisis. In response, they are

being given extra financial support, with top-up grants worth 5% of the cost of current care placements being made to providers for services bought by Enfield Council, for a period of up to three months.

Doug Wilson, the council's head of strategy and service development, told the meeting that local care home deaths had been four times the expected rate. He told the meeting: “That is a terrible human cost, but it's also a financial pressure on our providers. The number of providers who have lost a quarter or almost a third of their residents places a very significant burden on them as businesses – many of them small, local businesses.

“We have a large number of providers, but also a significant demand for that service. If we were to lose a large number of providers

as a result of financial issues, that would have all sorts of implications for us as a borough.”

Doug added that more “significant interventions” from the council may be needed to support care providers.

Councillor Mary Maguire, cabi-

“This crisis shows how essential care workers are”

net member for finance, said of the impact on care homes: “It has been a disaster.”

The meeting also heard that measures put in place by the council to support the care sector included providing more than 1.5 million items of personal protec-

tive equipment (PPE).

Alev Cazimoglu, cabinet member for health and social care, said 146 residents in Enfield's care homes had lost their lives in just over a month. Cllr Cazimoglu added: “The council is doing everything we can to protect our vulnerable residents and staff from this dreadful disease.

“We are putting every possible effort into supporting people in care homes and those receiving care in their own homes.”

Meanwhile, Enfield North MP Feryal Clark has demanded health secretary Matt Hancock honour care workers who have lost their lives by reversing a decade of cuts to social care budgets. The newly-elected Labour MP spoke during

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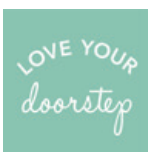
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Warning over council finances

Enfield Council appeals for government to honour pandemic funding pledge

BY JAMES CRACKNELL

The leader of Enfield Council is calling on the government to honour a pledge to “stand shoulder to shoulder” with local authorities as the council faces a £68million hit to its finances during the pandemic.

Ministers promised in March that they would give councils the money they needed to tackle coronavirus in their areas, but Enfield has received less than £18m to date. It has left the Labour-run administration scrabbling to find the money to cover its response to the crisis.

Leader Nesil Caliskan, in a letter to the prime minister, wrote: “The financial impact of the Covid-19 crisis on local government is of a scale and speed that we have never before experienced.

“The words from government at the outset of the crisis towards local authorities were confident and encouraging. It appeared that government fully understood and appreciated the role we had to play in meeting the challenge from Covid-19.

“We believed we had support from your government to do what was necessary to stabilise our communities and get help to those who need it and that you would play your part by meeting the costs incurred.

“Enfield Council now needs that support to manifest itself in funding commensurate with both our outlay to support those

affected by the crisis and our loss of income.”

The council's pandemic response programme, Enfield Stands Together, has delivered more than 20,000 food parcels to vulnerable residents, while also arranging for prescriptions to be sent out and giving advice to residents and businesses via its call centre. Two community support hubs have been established at warehouses within the borough with help from a network of volunteers.

At a cabinet meeting held online last month, the council's cabinet member for finance, Mary Maguire, warned: “At the start of this crisis the chancellor said local authorities would get the resources they need. In February we set a balanced budget for 2020/21 to ensure our finances were strong, resilient and sustainable.

“The financial pressures are now huge”

“However, as a direct result of the Covid-19 crisis, the financial pressures are now huge... the government funding of £17.9m nowhere near meets it.”

Gina Needs, cabinet member for social housing, also wrote to the minister for rough sleeping and housing, Luke Hall, requesting continued government support for homeless people in Enfield

who have been temporarily housed – many in hotels – during the pandemic.

Cllr Needs wrote: “We are alarmed at the prospect that the government will not provide ongoing financial support and co-ordinated action to ensure that we can secure settled housing and support for residents currently in emergency housing.”

A week after this letter, the government announced an additional £160m for moving rough sleepers into long-term accommodation. Housing secretary Robert Jenrick said: “We have offered accommodation to over 90% of known rough sleepers in order to help them stay safe during the pandemic. This has been possible because of an incredible effort by the government, councils and charities.

“Thousands of lives have been protected throughout this national emergency and we continue to fund this vital project.”

Meanwhile, the council has criticised the government's plan to reopen schools. Rick Jewell, cabinet member for children's services, described the government's plans as “extremely ill advised”. Schools have the freedom to decide whether or not to reopen this month to pupils from reception, year one and year six classes, but the council has stated it is “unwilling to fine parents who have understandable concerns about sending their children to school”.

New bus route

BY SIMON ALLIN,
LOCAL DEMOCRACY REPORTER

A new bus route linking communities across Enfield to North Middlesex University Hospital will be introduced by Transport for London (TfL).

The 456 bus route will run from Crews Hill via Enfield Town and Winchmore Hill before terminating at the Edmon-ton hospital. TfL aims to introduce the new route in the autumn. It will replace the W10 bus running from Crews Hill to Enfield Town and increase the route's hours of operation.

Joanne McCartney, London Assembly member for Enfield, said: “I am delighted. It is vital that NHS workers, patients and their families are able to easily access reliable transport links to reach the hospital, especially those without a car.”

Jobless rise

The number of people claiming unemployment-related benefits in Enfield rose by 2.5% during the first month of the pandemic – the third-highest percentage rise in London.

According to Office for National Statistics data published last month, 6.1% of people of working age are now claiming unemployment benefits, behind only Croydon (6.7%), Waltham Forest (6.4%), Barking and Dagenham (6.3%) and Haringey (6.3%). Nicolas Bosetti from Centre for London, which analysed the data, said: “London's job market has already been hard hit by coronavirus, with every single borough seeing a sudden increase in unemployment-related benefits. This is further entrenching existing inequalities; boroughs that already had high unemployment are experiencing the steepest rises.”

Foster appeal

An appeal has been made for more foster carers in Enfield, as the pandemic has resulted in fewer people coming forward to look after vulnerable children.

Enfield Council's cabinet member for children's services, Rick Jewell, said: “We need people to come forward and become carers. While the coronavirus pandemic has, quite naturally, made people nervous, we think this is a really good time to start thinking about new opportunities.”

Anyone interested should call the fostering service on 020 8379 2831 or email fostering@enfield.gov.uk.

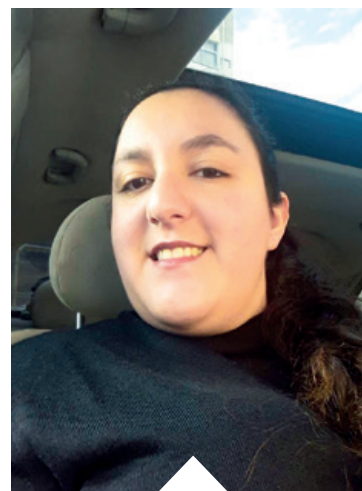
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a House of Commons debate on care homes and said: “My constituent Sonya Kaygan lost her life to coronavirus. She was a highly-skilled and committed care worker, but worked in a low-pay sector, caused by the £8billion cut to funding in the past decade.

“Will the secretary of state end the scandal of low pay in the care sector and reverse a decade of cuts to social care budgets, in honour of those who have died doing their job, so that all care workers are paid a fair wage and have the equipment to do their job safely?”

In response the health secretary said: “We have put an unprecedented amount of funding into social care during the crisis. There is the important challenge of ensuring that reaches the frontline through local councils. We have also increased, through the living wage, the pay of the lowest-paid across society and in social care. I am proud to have supported that.”

Following the debate, Feryal added: “This crisis has underlined just how essential our care workers are, and the government needs to start giving them the attention, respect, and remuneration they deserve.”



At least 25 residents at Elizabeth Lodge Care Home in Highlands have died since the pandemic began, including staff member Sonya Kaygan

Radio station marks 50 years on the airwaves

Royal Free Radio, which broadcasts to patients from Chase Farm Hospital and was originally known as 'Radio Enfield', has celebrated its 50th anniversary.

The station is broadcast 24 hours a day and is operated entirely by volunteers. It offers patients across the Royal Free NHS Foundation Trust a free service of record requests, quizzes, interviews, news, patient information and advice.

It had begun life as Radio Enfield on 24th May 1970. Station manager Andy Higgins, who has been with the station for 40 years, said: "We were planning to do a special series of broadcasts to mark the event but as a result of the constraints imposed by Covid-19 we will have to wait until things get back to normal."

Currently, many of the programmes are being broadcast over the network and online from presenters' homes and these are supplemented by a series of pre-recorded programmes.

Andy added: "We are pleased to be able to still play requests for



Royal Free Radio began life as 'Radio Enfield' in May 1970

patients via our website, since there are visiting restrictions in the hospitals we cover, so it is a way that relatives and friends can keep in touch by sending in a request to let patients know they are thinking of them."

Three other current members – David Scarff, Howard White and Colin Dye – recall the early days in 1970 when Radio Enfield started in a converted storeroom

at Chase Farm and was initially on air for just two hours a week on Sunday evenings.

"I'm not sure where those 50 years have gone," said David. "When we started the country was still using pounds, shillings and pence, The Beatles had just broken up, *Bridge Over Troubled Water* by Simon and Garfunkel was a new release, and it was four years before anyone had heard of Abba."

In the early days, Radio Enfield was run by a team of seven school-friends who were interested in electronics, music and tape-recording, and who wanted to run a legal radio station. The idea came from the offshore radio stations of the 1960s such as Radio Caroline and Radio London and, after a letter to the then matron at Chase Farm, the go-ahead was given to start the service in May 1970. It later expanded to Highlands and South Lodge hospitals in 1972 and North Middlesex Hospital in 1973.

The station re-branded from Radio Enfield to Royal Free Radio in 2017 after Chase Farm became part of Royal Free NHS Foundation Trust and merged with Royal Free Charity at the same time.

Howard said: "The Royal Free and Royal Free Charity have been very supportive of the station and we have never been more proud to support the NHS than in recent times with the impact of Covid-19."

A re-union of past and present members is being re-scheduled for later in the year.

Listen to Royal Free Radio online:
Visit royalfreeradio.co.uk

Cash boost for museum



Trent Park House was dubbed the 'Cockfosters Cage'

The National Lottery Heritage Fund has made a grant of £91,600 towards the creation of a museum at Trent Park House – which will tell the incredible wartime story of the 'secret listeners'.

Trent Park is recognised by Historic England as being of national and international significance "on a level with Bletchley Park" for its critical role during the Second World War. British intelligence services used the Georgian-style mansion house to accommodate 3,000 German prisoners over the duration of the conflict – and bug their conversations.

Teams of secret listeners – mostly German-Jewish immigrants – worked in the basement to record the conversations taking place above them. Sworn to secrecy by the Official Secrets Act, most never spoke of their important clandestine work towards Britain's war effort and the full story was only revealed 70 years later.

Plans for a new museum at Trent Park to celebrate the wartime role of the secret listeners have been in the works for several years but it has taken time to secure the funding needed. Now, with the support of The National Lottery Heritage Fund, it is hoped the museum can open by spring 2022.

Jason Charalambous, co-chairman of Trent Park Museum Trust, said: "The National Lottery Heritage Fund grant is a huge boost to the project, and the trust is grateful for the vote of confidence in Trent Park House."

"We are working on securing the remaining sums needed to develop the site, however this is challenging in the current environment."

"Any support from the public would be very gratefully received – opening Trent Park House really is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity."

Information gathered at Trent Park House about new German technology enabled Britain to win the Battle of Britain and also revealed details of Hitler's deadly V-weapons and atomic bomb programme.

Animal charity worker among Covid-19 victims

Paula Brotherston worked for a cat rescue charity shop in Enfield

BY RACHAEL BURFORD,
LOCAL DEMOCRACY REPORTER

The daughter of an animal rescue worker who died with coronavirus has spoken of her sadness that her mother will never meet her twin babies.

Paula Brotherston, 56, who worked at The Scratching Post charity shop in Lancaster Road, died after almost three weeks on a hospital ventilator. Paula was the mother of twins Lauren and Marc and had been overjoyed to learn her daughter was also carrying twins.

Lauren Brotherston, who is half-way through her pregnancy, said her mother had been desperate to "hold on to see the babies". She said: "Mum was so kind and generous. She loved animals and working for the charity but used to say so many people would

come in to talk to her she would never get any work done!

"I'm so sad she is not going to see my children and they will never get to meet her. I'm a twin and she was so excited when she found out I was having twins as well. She sent me her last bottle of hand sanitiser in the post before she fell ill because she said I had to look after myself for my babies. "She really wanted to hang on to see them, but in the end she just couldn't."

Paula was diagnosed with the lung condition, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, six years ago. But her family said she had never suffered any symptoms or needed treatment. Paula started feeling ill shortly after the lockdown was announced in March and was taken to a hospital in Watford at the beginning of April. She died on 20th April.

Daughter Lauren added: "The

hardest thing was not being able to say goodbye before they turned the ventilator off. My brother was allowed to dress up in all the PPE and go in but I was told, because I'm pregnant, I shouldn't do it.

"Mum will always be remembered as a big community figure. The amount of support and well-wishes we have received since she passed away has been truly overwhelming and shows just how loved she was."



Paula Brotherston (centre) with children Lauren (left) and Marc (right)



Staff and volunteers (including chief executive Ben Ingber, left) at Wilbury Primary School, where Age UK Enfield works with Enfield Council's catering team to prepare hot food for distribution to vulnerable older people

Supporting Enfield's elderly

Age UK Enfield's chief executive Ben Ingber on how the charity has responded to coronavirus

As the largest organisation supporting older people in the borough, we were the first port of call for many older people when the coronavirus pandemic hit the UK.

We knew that many older people would feel extremely worried and anxious, and that many more people would require our help and support. As lockdown was introduced and older people were advised to stay at home, we started getting calls from people we knew, as well as those previously managing well who suddenly found they

needed much more help and support.

As people's existing support networks were stripped away, we were taking calls from relatives and friends, concerned about how their loved ones were managing. During March we took nearly 3,000 calls – up from just under 400 the same month last year. With both our office and The Parker Day Centre in Edmonton forced to close, and with staff working from home, we remodelled and reorganised our services – and created new ones – to ensure we could continue to respond to this crisis.

All of our information and advice services have moved to telephone only, while our independent living service, iCan, continues to operate via phone and online and has distributed more than 100 activity packs. Our specialist dementia hub, The Parker Day Centre in Houndsfield Road, normally sees around 80 people per week; we have now reorganised this service so the staff are visiting clients at home. It remains an essential source of continuity, stimulation, companionship and fun, as well as providing some much-needed respite for carers.

Our home care continues, offering personal and practical care around the home, while both our memory care project and health and wellbeing project continue to do their essential work supporting and enabling vulnerable older people. We created emergency food parcels for those who needed them, and have developed a hot food delivery service alongside Enfield Council's catering service, meaning that people are getting a nutritious meal delivered every day, as well as being checked on to see that they are okay.

We have been collecting people's prescriptions, doing shopping trips, and our popular dementia choir is running weekly online sessions. We have delivered home exercise packs for people to keep fit at home, as well as put exercise classes online for those with internet access.

It has been a challenging time for everyone, but I for one have been proud of how the team at Age UK Enfield have pulled together and continue to help older people during this time. If you are able to help us by volunteering, donating, or helping to spread the word about what we do, it would be most appreciated.

Find out more about Age UK Enfield and donate:

Call 020 8375 4120

Visit ageukenfield.org.uk

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Helping nature in Edmonton

Suzanne Andrade from Friends of Pymmes Park on a new local nature project

In my spare time, I am a member of the Friends of Pymmes Park (FOPP) group, a small band of local volunteers who feed the birds and help the local park staff in picking up litter. We're like The Wombles, only with slightly less fur!

FOPP also runs events in the visitor centre. You may have seen the white building in Pymmes Park and mistaken it for a prisoner of war camp, but inside is a wonderful community centre that we are bringing back to life for the entire community.

We had feared FOPP would have to go underground in these socially-distanced times, but we have found ourselves as busy as the proverbial bee, as we are currently involved in the wonderful 'Pollinator Paths' project.

Together with other local organisations such as Sonny the Snail Sensory Garden, a community interest company based in Ponders End, and Bountagu Big Local in Edmonton, FOPP has been transformed into a local nature hub to help disperse free handmade recycled window boxes and hundreds of packets of seeds to local residents, spreading sunflowers and sunshine in these uncertain times. The project aims to create more pollinator-friendly areas in Edmonton.

By pollinator-friendly, we mean plants and flowers that specifically attract bees, moths and butterflies. Pollinators are essential to the environment and to humans. On a small scale, a lack of pollination results in a tree without fruit; on a large scale, it could mean shortages in the food supply.

The window boxes have mostly been dispatched to people without their own garden – window ledges and balconies can make great pollinator patches. It has felt really special to be meeting so many members of our community at this time.

I have met children keen to start gardening, local councillors who see the power of community gardens, NHS workers from North Middlesex University Hospital, plus volunteers and teachers who wish to grow some pollinator-friendly patches with the children of key workers. Famous street artist Phlegm has even promoted the project!

One woman arrived at my door with organic herbs from her garden and stories of how her Cypriot ancestors were farmers. "Growing plants is in my blood," she said.

With minimal knowledge, very few tools, and little to no money, we can all transform our streets and green spaces into pollinator patches. Growing plants for ourselves and our communities is in all of our blood.

A few seed packets have been kept for Dispatch readers:
Email fopp2020@gmail.com

Find out more about Pollinator Paths:
Visit facebook.com/groups/pollinatorpathsedmonton

Donate to save wildlife

BY RUTH ROBINSON

I first met Barry and June Smitherman when I delivered a dehydrated hedgehog to them many, many years ago.

At that time they were running a wildlife rescue service from their back garden. A few years later I was delighted to hear that they'd opened a wildlife centre in Trent Park, right on my doorstep! My daughter remembers visiting when she was younger – particularly the enormous pig and the bird that greeted her with "hello".

I've visited the centre many times since then with my husband, who is a keen photographer, and I've seen how the centre has grown and diversified with so many different animals now being given shelter. These include foxes, deer, terrapins, owls, all sorts of other wild birds, but also abandoned or unwanted domestic and farm animals such as hens, rabbits, pigs, sheep and ponies. It's a lovely, child-friendly place where parents

can bring their children to see and learn all about the animals around us.

Over the years I've taken other small injured or orphaned animals to the centre, called them out to rescue an injured fox (and more birds) and often asked them for advice – which Barry has always been happy to give. I've also picked up medication there to treat mange in the foxes that visit our garden – one vixen used to curl up on one of our garden chairs.

Living in this part of North London where the suburbs meet the countryside, we've got so much wildlife around us – a neighbour even saw a muntjac deer in the next road! The downside is that sharing our urban environment with wildlife means that injuries will occur and in Enfield we're so fortunate to have this rescue centre in our borough that will care for and treat these animals, release them back into the wild, or give them a safe home for life if they need it.

Barry tells me he's now getting phone calls from people desperate to get help because other wildlife rescue centres are no longer answering their phones. As reported by the *Dispatch* last month, it would be such a sad loss if this wonderful centre did not survive during the pandemic – please help by donating: wras-enfieldwildlife.org.uk



Two tawny owl chicks rescued last month

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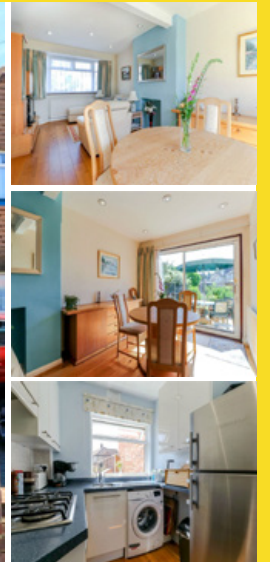
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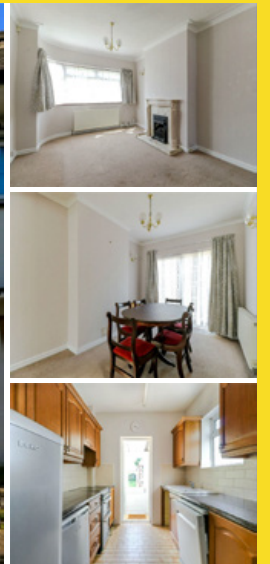
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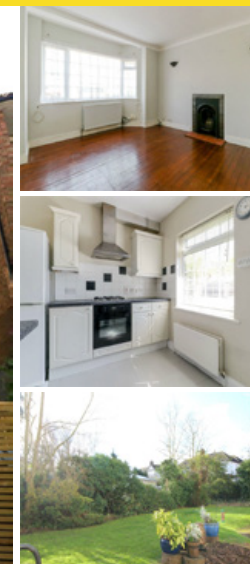
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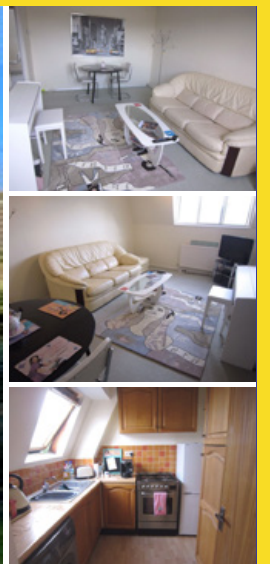
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Councillors invited to use Covid-19 test centre without appointment

Cabinet member branded 'disgrace' for putting Labour colleagues ahead of key workers

BY JAMES CRACKNELL

Labout councillors in Enfield were encouraged to use a local Covid-19 testing centre without an appointment and before key workers, a leaked email has revealed.

The message was sent by Enfield Council's cabinet member for health and social care, Alev Cazimoglu, on the day the coronavirus testing facility at Lee Valley Athletics Centre opened in late April. The email to Labour councillors (pictured, above right) said: "The test centre is up and running today for council employees should they require testing, this also includes councillors.

"There is no need to pre-book a slot today, just turn up and have your ID."

The email goes on to point out

From: Cllr Alev Cazimoglu <Cllr.Alev.Cazimoglu@enfield.gov.uk>
Sent: Thursday, 23 April 2020, 10:31
To: All members Labour
Subject: Fwd: Link for testing

Dear all

The Lea Valley Covid-19 test centre is up and running today for council employees should they require testing, this also includes councillors.

There is no need to pre book a slot today, just turn up and have your ID. This is likely to change and rolled out to all key workers in the next few days and eventually general public at some point - who will need to book a slot in advance.

The current capacity is 400 tests a day. Please see link below. There is also some testing available at Chase Farm Hospital site.

Key workers will include people like funeral directors but information is available on link when they go on to book.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested>

Stay well
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The email sent by Cllr Cazimoglu to her Labour colleagues in April

that key workers and their families who are not employed by the council "will need to book a slot in advance" but that this bureaucratic barrier to testing did not apply to councillors.

The council leader, Nesil Caliskan, wrote a public letter to residents a day previously which said: "The test are being offered to NHS staff or staff working in a

care setting, or members of their household, with Covid-19 symptoms. The tests are being provided as a drive through service... and by pre-booked appointment only."

In the email to Labour councillors, Cllr Cazimoglu said council employees and elected members could use the centre "should they require testing".

The *Dispatch* has asked the council

whether or not any councillors did attend the testing centre without an appointment but this question was not answered. A council spokesperson said: "It is expected for cabinet members to pass on information and advice from officers to their political groups, having received particular enquiries.

"Senior members of the opposition are routinely passed the same information, at their regular briefings with officers, as has been the standard protocol over the past two months."

Joanne Laban, leader of the opposition Conservative group on the council, has said that she does not consider councillors to be key workers and that she did not make the same offer for testing without appointments to her Tory colleagues.

In a statement, Cllr Laban said: "This is disgraceful behaviour by the cabinet member for health and adult social care. Key workers

"I am appalled that she urged her Labour colleagues to get in before the rollout to more key workers"



Cllr Cazimoglu is the cabinet member for health and social care

on the frontline should always be the first to receive Covid-19 tests, not elected councillors.

"I am appalled that she urged her Labour colleagues to get in before the rollout to more key workers. Cllr Cazimoglu should have been encouraging carers, street cleaners, waste collectors, and all other frontline staff to take up the opportunity to be tested, not her council colleagues."

Asked by the *Dispatch* about whether local councillors should be allowed to use Covid-19 test centres without appointments, the Department for Health and Social Care advised that anyone eligible for a test must always book an appointment in advance and that "frontline essential workers" must be given priority.

Teen's Rotary award



Theodor Sergiou was nominated by Enfield Chase Rotary Club

Acancer survivor has won the Rotary Young Citizen Award after being nominated by Enfield Chase Rotary Club.

Theo Sergiou, 19, was diagnosed with eye cancer aged two and, aged four, was told it was terminal. But the tumours stopped growing and although he remains partially sighted, Theo survived.

A UK Youth Parliament representative, the Enfield teenager is committed to community work such as tackling knife crime. During the pandemic, Theo has written to the prime minister about the lack of provision for children with special educational needs, who he says are suffering mental health problems and not getting an education.

Theo said: "Even though I encounter daily barriers being visually impaired, I am adamant not to let this affect my everyday life and will go over and beyond to achieve any aspiration I set for myself and inspire others. "I don't need a reason to do things, I need a reason not to. I hope this award inspires other people to try the same outlook."

Theo will receive a trophy, certificate and £300 to go towards his chosen project or charity. Enfield Chase Rotary also awarded him £200 to help with his future studies. Donna Wallbank, president of Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland, said: "Theodor Sergiou is an exemplary example of positivity, throughout his personal struggles, he has looked ahead and shown grit and determination."

Goods Vehicle Operator's Licence

Erol's Watermelons Ltd is applying to use Rear 150 Bridport Road, London N18 1HA as an operating centre for 4 vehicles and 0 trailers.

Owners or occupiers of land (including buildings) near the operating centre who believe that their use or enjoyment of that land would be affected, should make written representations to the Traffic Commissioner at Hillcrest House, 386 Harehills Lane, Leeds LS9 6NF stating their reasons within 21 days of this notice.

Representors must at the same time send a copy of their representations to the applicant at the address given at the top of this notice. A guide to making representations is available from the Traffic Commissioner's office.

LICENSING ACT 2003

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A NEW PREMISES LICENCE/CLUB PREMISES CERTIFICATE

Notice is hereby given that **Golden Baskets Ltd** have applied to the Licensing Authority of London Borough of Enfield for a Premises Licence to permit:

To permit the online sale and distribution of alcohol for consumption off of the premises, during the hours of 10am-8pm Monday to Saturday and 12pm-6pm on Sunday for the premises Golden Baskets situated at 188 St.Mary's Road, London N9 8NN.

The public register where applications are available to be viewed by members of the public can be accessed online by visiting <https://new.enfield.gov.uk/services/business-and-licensing> and following the link to the Licensing Register. Email licensing@enfield.gov.uk to request a copy of the application within 28 days from the date of this notice.

Any person wishing to submit relevant representations concerning this application must give notice by emailing licensing@enfield.gov.uk, giving in detail the grounds of the representation no later than: **18/06/2020**

Representations received by post will not be accepted during the Covid-19 emergency period.

The Council will not entertain representations where the writer requests that his identity remains anonymous. Copies of all representations will be included in the papers presented to the Licensing Authorities Sub Committee and will therefore pass into the public domain.

Representations must relate to one or more of the four Licensing Objectives: the prevention of crime and disorder, public safety, the prevention of public nuisance and the protection of children from harm.

It is an offence, under section 158 of the Licensing Act 2003, to knowingly or recklessly make a false statement in connection with an application for a premises licence. A person guilty of an offence is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level five on the standard scale.

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Wartime memories from my father

David Chandler shares the fascinating stories from his father Tony's childhood growing up in Freezywater during the Second World War



The VE Day street party held in Aylands Road, Freezywater, in May 1945

The VE Day 75th anniversary last month brought to mind stories my late father told me of his wartime childhood in Enfield and a mystery that's always puzzled me.

There was a street party in Aylands Road, Freezywater. My dad, Tony Chandler, is in there somewhere, aged ten. He didn't enjoy it, as he disliked parties and, for him, five years of adventure and excitement were coming to an end.

Dad's photographic memory meant that when this photo resurfaced (probably around the 40th anniversary) he was able to give a detailed account of the festivities; who was there, the quality and quantity of food provided, and the songs that were sung. He recalled children were given a treat of "fake lemonade" – lemons were hard to come by during wartime. I asked him what exactly this intriguing beverage consisted of and he replied: "I don't know, but it certainly didn't have any lemons in it."

My grandmother is stood on the left of the photo and, comparing her appearance to photographs taken a few years earlier, she looks deeply affected by the hardships of wartime. My father Tony was born in 1935 and lived in Aylands Road with his parents, Eddie and Mary. My grandfather worked for Ewarts in Kentish Town but was too old to be called up. He was a member of the Home Guard and, in the later years of

the war, he was also an air raid warden. Eddie Chandler is pictured on the right of the photograph depicting a training exercise with the Middlesex Regiment. I don't think the spigot mortar they are showing off was ever used in anger!

My father wasn't evacuated, as his mother didn't want to let go of her only child. Dad was also determined to stay at home, because he was spoilt rotten and didn't want to miss the action! He always said growing up during the war

was the most exciting time of his life and he remembered collecting shrapnel from houses which had been bombed out.

When I was young, dad would point out buildings that had sprung up on the old bomb sites after the war. He told me about a V1 raid on Holmwood Road which destroyed many houses and attracted children from miles around to look for 'treasure'.

During the Blitz, raids on Enfield were relatively light, but bombs did fall and in



Eddie Chandler (right) on a training exercise with the Home Guard, Middlesex Regiment

"Dad was outside with his mother in the air raid shelter when a bomb exploded at the end of the garden"

1941 there was a direct hit on Aylands Road. In fact, the bomb landed in my grandparents' garden! Dad was outside with his mother in the air raid shelter when a German bomb exploded at the very end of the garden. It must have been terrifying, but for my father it was just an opportunity to collect shrapnel close to home – although he didn't snaffle it all. I dug up a piece 40 years later, which I still have in my possession.



Second World War bomb shrapnel recovered from Aylands Road

Dad obviously led a charmed life; in 1944, Chesterfield School in Ordnance Road took a direct hit from a V2 bomb, which missed him by about ten minutes because he'd gone home for lunch. The top of Aylands Road, where there are now flats, was a prisoner of war (POW) camp – my dad used to visit the prisoners and take them sweets. He also remembered the terror that swept through the neighbourhood when residents were told to stay indoors, as a German POW had escaped. He was found hiding in a neighbour's shed and my father watched from the window as soldiers led him back to the camp.

When I look at the VE Day street party photo, I remember all these stories, but one thing still bugs me – what exactly was in the fake lemonade?!

A family-friendly bike ride event, organised by the council last year, aimed at giving more people confidence to cycle safely
Credit: Enfield Council



Reshape Enfield's streets to help fight pandemic

Viola Rondeboom from campaign group Better Streets for Enfield on ways we can adapt roads to boost health and safety

We have witnessed an unprecedented drop in motor traffic in Enfield during the Covid-19 lockdown. While the cause of this drop is tragic, the benefits of low traffic are undeniable: Clean air, safe, quiet streets, and a massive rise in people of all ages cycling both for exercise and essential journeys.

Yet with public transport capacity reduced and the first set of restrictions eased, traffic is already on the rise. To prevent gridlock once lockdown is lifted, we need to help people to carry on walking and cycling short journeys. Particularly in Enfield, we could see a catastrophic rise in car use. This would badly affect walking and cycling – active travel rates are dependent on routes that feel safe and have lower traffic volumes.

Councils around the country are recognising that car-centric roads with narrow pavements and little cycling infrastructure make social distancing almost impossible for pedestrians and cyclists. With these measures possibly continuing in some form until 2022, more space is needed for people on foot and bike to maintain a safe distance from each other without stepping into the road or getting caught in heavy traffic.

That's why we are urgently calling for a series of measures to be implemented in Enfield, in line with the government's statutory guidance. Firstly, to enable cycling as transport, we suggest pop-up cycle lanes on public transport routes to create corridors for key workers and preempt a rise in commuter car trips; along the Piccadilly Line route from Cockfosters to Bounds Green, the east-west bus routes through Enfield Town, and along the overground route from Edmonton Green into central London.

To enable social distancing on shopping streets, road space needs to be re-allocated to people where pavements are narrow and people have to queue. This can be achieved by suspending parking near local shops or cordoning off traffic lanes and service roads. Suspending parking – but leaving disabled provision and loading – would also discourage unnecessary car use for short journeys to local shops.

To keep the benefits of low traffic, we ask that Enfield Council bring forward its plans for low-traffic neighbourhoods (LTNs) and 'school streets', and set the default speed limit to 20mph.

LTNs prevent motor traffic taking a shortcut through residential areas, using barriers such as bollards or planters, but still allow every street to be accessed by vehicle. School streets temporarily close the roads around schools at times pupils are picked up or dropped off.

Boroughs across London are putting these in as emergency measures because they provide a network of quiet streets where pedestrians have space for social distancing and where any age or ability can cycle.

If there is one thing this crisis has taught us, it's that the future is not a given. We've learned that there are certain things we can change, very quickly, especially when public safety is at risk. We can choose how to reshape our streets and mobility.

The coronavirus crisis has been like a crash diet for our streets. The question is, how many pounds do we want to gain again? We don't want to go back to those congested, fume-filled and hostile roads of the past. Let this crisis be a turning point for healthy streets in Enfield.

For more information about Better Streets for Enfield: Visit betterstreets.co.uk

Serving Southgate

In our latest councillor's column, Southgate ward member Stephanos Ioannou discusses the big issue on the minds of residents

When I was asked to write this column, my thoughts went straight back to the campaign pledges made back during my election campaign.

I thought about the 20mph speed limit for Walker Primary School, having Chase Side full of shops, fixing Southgate Underground Station, and getting our old library building back open. All these pledges have been fulfilled, but now we face an even more pressing and looming decision – on the future of Southgate Office Village.

Residents have poured in both their comments and emotions to fight this planning application, and I have been part of that journey. It seems a bit like David and Goliath with residents taking on the big developers. The mayor of London has his eyes on a 16-storey development in Southgate simply because it is located next to a transport hub. This is not logical, this is not fair, and this is not an ethical approach to reaching housing targets.

We are not and won't ever be Elephant and Castle or Vauxhall, with 20-plus storey buildings – we are a London suburb. It is for that reason, and for the defence of Southgate's character and charisma, that I have been against these proposals from the start.

On other issues, the main task for a Southgate councillor I believe is to make sure Enfield Council don't forget about us (seriously!). It's hard to grab attention when you're so close to the Barnet borough border, and that's why my daily drive through Southgate, picking up on

the items that need to be fixed, helps make sure that the main centre remains clean, tidy, and that everything is generally maintained. I believe that residents simply care for the 'bread and butter' issues in Southgate, and basic tidiness is one of them.

My final objective is to see through the re-installation of hanging baskets for Southgate, something I have been

campaigning tirelessly for. I am also exploring other avenues for giving more 'green' to our Southgate Circus area. I believe that a green and lush centre is the key to increasing footfall and raising the general profile of your area.

In the meantime, I'm continuing to deliver food parcels. Covid-19 has taken over most of the usual responsibilities of us councillors, but we can't wait to get back to those normal day-to-day issues.



Cllr Ioannou was elected in 2018

Conservative Stephanos Ioannou is one of three councillors serving Southgate ward, alongside Labour members Derek Levy and Charith Gunawardena.

Call 07971 672 565

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How the Meridian Water development may look once built



Criticism of Meridian Water must be heard

Housing campaigner Al Sims wants the council to be more honest about the new homes and jobs planned for Meridian Water

Enfield Council's £6billion redevelopment scheme at Meridian Water will affect everyone in the borough, but some of the claims being made about it are misleading and public concerns are being ignored.

Meridian Water is an ambitious plan to "build 10,000 homes and create 6,000 jobs" on publicly-owned land around Ikea and the newly-opened railway station. The council will need to borrow huge sums of money to fund this development. How will the massive loans needed to finance Meridian Water be serviced in the short or medium term? As borrowing costs rise, investment in other areas such as care services, schools, parks and bin collections will be affected, while land may need to be sold to bridge the funding gap.

It is also misleading to say 6,000

new jobs will be created. Some jobs will come from employers relocating from elsewhere in Enfield – so not strictly "new" jobs. Since there are currently 2,600 people employed at Meridian Water, many jobs will be lost to provide space for housing. And according to the council's own employment strategy report, only 1,500 of the new jobs will be guaranteed for local people.

Meanwhile, the council's area action plan suggests the site is not even big enough to accommodate 6,000 jobs and 10,000 homes without increasing housing density. There are already issues with the very high number of homes planned and people being squeezed on to the site – the density levels proposed are six times higher than other urban areas in Enfield. High densities can work, but only if balanced by easy access to parks and open spaces.

The amount of parkland being created at Meridian Water is a tenth of what's needed, and the surrounding wards already have a deficit of parkland. Promotional pictures of Meridian Water focus on the picturesque reservoirs and waterways but don't show the number of people who will use the parkland, or the huge electricity pylons, nearby Edmonton incinerator, and busy North Circular road.

Meridian Water is a great opportunity to use public land for public good and to build affordable homes for key workers such as NHS staff, teachers and care

"A meeting where plans for Meridian Water were approved was held behind closed doors"

workers. Unfortunately, it looks as if the majority of homes will be unaffordable to key workers and property prices will be as much as 50% higher than the rest of Upper Edmonton. The development's financial viability assessment says the new homes should be targeted at "affluent young professionals" and, despite the council leader's claims to the contrary, it also suggests housing will be sold overseas.

Given these issues, it's perhaps no surprise the council is trying to silence public concerns. A recent planning committee meeting where plans for Meridian Water were approved was held behind closed doors. The council said it excluded the public from attending because of the Covid-19 pandemic, despite ten councillors and officers attending the meeting in person back in March. The council refused residents' requests to postpone the meeting for two weeks so that it could be viewed online, and while the council's lengthy statement of support was read out, residents were given only 48 hours to submit their written statements, which were not even read out.

Meridian Water will affect everyone in Enfield for decades, so residents deserve clarity and proper engagement – and new housing that meets the needs of local people.

For more information about Meridian Water: Visit meridianwater.co.uk

Send us your letters

Got an opinion on something in Enfield? We accept letters of up to 150 words from people and organisations in the borough. Email EnfieldDispatch@socialspider.com before the next deadline on **Tuesday 16th June**.

Grave concerns

Dear Enfield Dispatch

I would like to know why, when parks have been kept open throughout the pandemic, Enfield Council decided to close cemeteries? Even after the minister for local government said this shouldn't happen, they were not re-opened immediately. After several fruitless attempts to visit Lavender Hill Cemetery, I had to go through a narrow side gate adorned with a notice saying: "Please keep your visit to a minimum". [Editor's note: The council reopened cemeteries on 22nd April but vehicle access at Lavender Hill and Strayfield Road has been restricted to weekends].

I have never had to force my way through a merry-making throng to get into a cemetery. In the vastness of Lavender Hill, one might see three or four others. Social distancing is not a problem as, unlike visiting a hospital, the residents are already at a distance of six feet.

Why should a bereaved person be forced to ration time spent visiting a grave? To allow them space and time for an unhurried visit might, possibly, bring just a crumb of comfort.

Valerie Darville
Queen Anne's Grove, Enfield

Fore Street forgotten

Dear Enfield Dispatch

I write to you as an N18 resident, and also as a director of Highmead Management Company which is responsible for the Silverpoint housing development and its residents (118 homes in Fore Street). I am dismayed at the lack of engagement by the Met Police, Enfield Council and Kate Osamor MP, with the ongoing issues of prostitution and drug dealing in Fore Street, Upper Edmonton. It is common knowledge this has been an ongoing issue for years, with sporadic attempts by the police to address this.

More recently, during the Covid-19 lockdown, it is apparent that the situation with prostitution and drug dealing continues day and night with the police driving past ignoring the problem.

Arif Bhaluani
Upper Edmonton

What progress?

Dear Enfield Dispatch

In the last issue "progress" was reported with the troubled Meridian Water project [Progress continues at £6billion housing scheme, Page 6, Issue 20]. This amounted to two further planning approvals – including "the largest ever submitted by the council" – at a meeting held in private.

The council seeks to justify the private hearing by pointing to the pandemic. But why were objections from members of the public not read out? This looks like an attempt to railroad the scheme through in the teeth of objections.

Meridian Water is to be built on public land, a precious and scarce resource. The current proposals fail to use it to meet the pressing need for decent, genuinely affordable homes for local people – but no doubt they present great money-making opportunities for builders and landlords. That is not what people wanted when they elected a Labour council.

Less than a third of the planned dwellings will be so called 'affordable' homes and even these are not at the lower council rent level – so will be unaffordable to many in Edmonton.

Paul Kershaw
Chair of Unite Housing
Workers Branch

Rough treatment

Dear Enfield Dispatch

Reports that the government plans to end the policy of housing rough sleepers during this pandemic are shocking. Homelessness is not a fact of life – it is a political choice. Forcing people back on to the street while a pandemic is still raging would be irresponsible, cruel and a potential deaths sentence.

The government needs to make it clear that councils will have a duty to house rough sleepers and will be provided with the funds to do so for the duration of this pandemic. In return, Enfield Council needs to make it clear that nobody, including rough sleepers in hotels, will be evicted during this pandemic.

Kate Osamor
Edmonton MP (Labour)

Help is there for those that need it

Emma Friddin from Healthwatch Enfield on some of the places vulnerable people can go to get assistance



Children's artwork made in response to the pandemic adorns a tree in Botany Bay, Enfield

This month we really want to hear from you about your experiences of the coronavirus pandemic so far. We have set up a short online survey for local residents like you to tell us how things have been during the outbreak. To take part, go to smartsurvey.co.uk/s/

CoronavirusExperiences. This is a way to make a useful contribution to the community, because hearing directly from you helps us at Healthwatch Enfield find out what information and support local people need.

We also share anonymous feedback with

health and care services in Enfield, which helps them plan for your needs wherever they can. If you want to complete our survey but cannot do it online, just give us a call on 020 8373 6283 to do it over the phone. We can also phone you back if this helps.

At the time of writing, the government is beginning to ease the lockdown, but they will only continue to change what we can and cannot do if it is deemed safe to do so. There are around 2.5 million people across the country that are currently 'shielding' from Covid-19 and, if you are one of these people, you would have received a letter and/or text message instructing you to stay at home. You are still advised to continue to shield and stay at home to keep safe.

But what can you do if you are shielding and are finding it difficult to cope? There are people who are there to support you, so you are not alone. We have gathered together some information on organisations that can help you.

At Enfield Council the 'Enfield Stands Together' scheme can help you with shopping and prescription deliveries, but they also have a befriending service so that

someone can phone you regularly for a chat to help you feel less isolated. You can call them on 0203 821 1966.

The NHS Volunteer Responders scheme is a national programme that can help you with shopping and collecting prescriptions. They also provide a 'check in and chat' service where someone can call you for a chat if you want someone to talk to. You can self-refer yourself by calling 0808 196 3646.

If you feel that you need support, but are unsure where you can get this support, you can of course also get in touch with us at Healthwatch Enfield. We can tell you about local groups that can help you. If you want to speak to us but are unable to pay for the call, just give us a ring and we can phone you back.

So do get in contact with us or any of the schemes above and please continue to stay safe at home.

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

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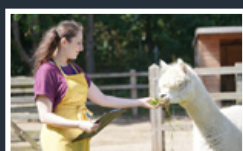
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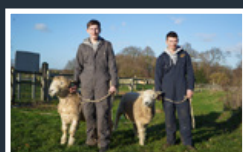
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Created equal

An introduction to teenage musician and YouTuber, The Creator



The Creator is a former pupil of Hazelwood Primary School

Some people know me as Levent Tanritanir, others know me as Maddox Ocean. But I am neither of those people. I am just a human trying to work 'it' out in Enfield, just like you.

For me, that means music. I grew up in a small flat near the first school I went to, Hazelwood Primary, and life was okay. Music has always been a big part of my life ever since I was young but it hasn't always been everything. It was when I went through a series of mental breakdowns when I was 16 that I realised my true purpose in life.

Growing up I was happy. From the orchestral workshops I attended with Enfield Music Service to my amazing music teachers, Alison Yates and Cathy Halpern, there are so many great opportunities and people to learn from in Enfield that I feel very fortunate to have grown up here. I went from Hazelwood straight to Purcell Music School in Hertfordshire, which I found very restraining and unsupportive – and not for me.

But let's talk about the future. You should care for my work now rather than later because I have something to say, I have a vision, and I am going to bring about the future. I believe that people have forgotten that this world is as much theirs as

anyone else's and that they do have the full power to do anything they want to. Of course, for every action, there is an equal and opposite reaction, and not every choice that we have in our hands is good for us or everyone else.

But I believe it is a point that has to be made, to never forget where we come from as animals, and that beyond the natural order, we have compiled our own useless and harmful rules that we do not have to obey.

Although I have much more to say, I cannot say it all here, so join me on this journey I have set upon because, as London's most self-assured artist, I am moving very quickly. I have so much love for anyone who takes the time to listen to my music, so check me out online at the link below or as I hit the streets this summer to perform for the whole of London.

And remember, your life is only a dream away.

The Creator has been named as one of ten shortlisted acts in the 13-18 age category of the Young Songwriter Competition 2020, for his song 'T.F.A.'. For more information:

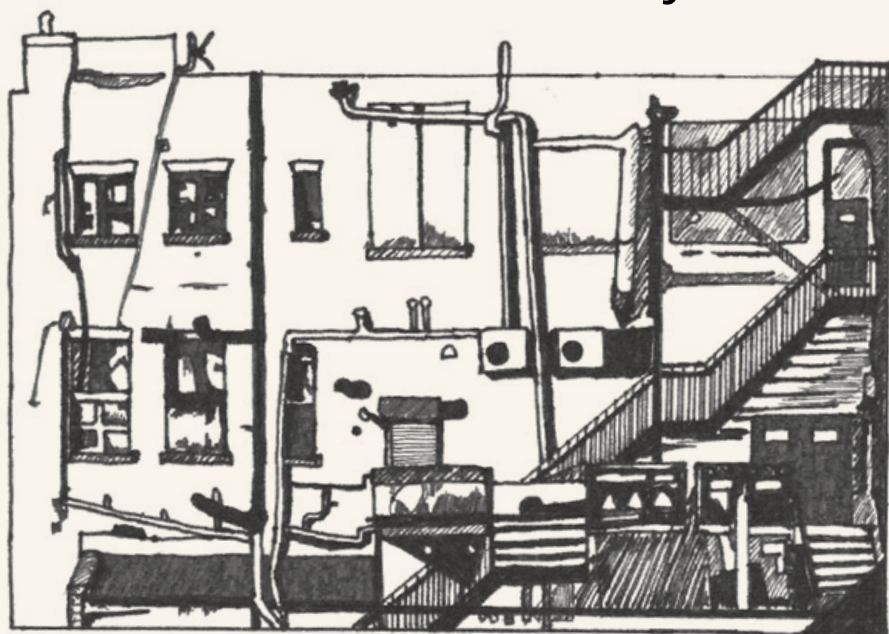
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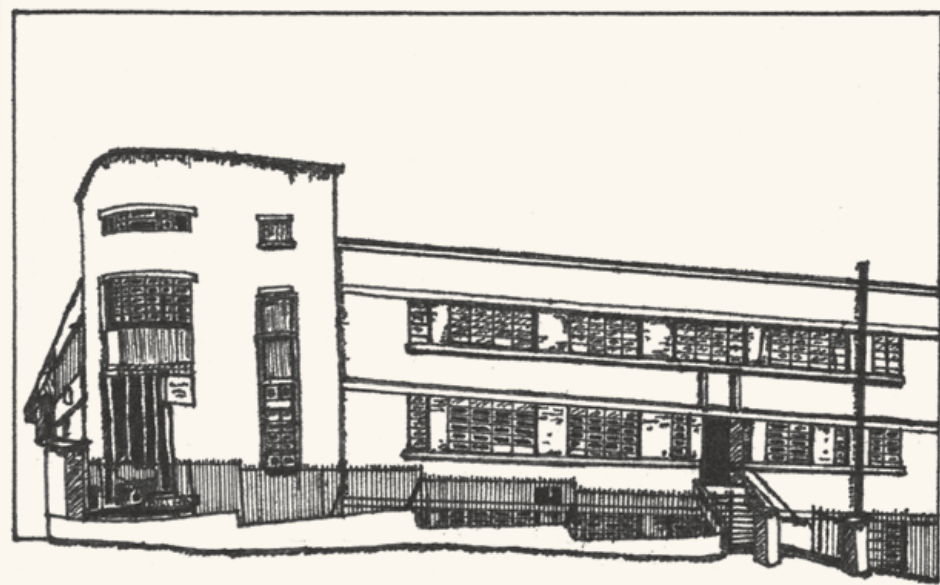
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Drawing Edmonton

Edmonton artist Taz Gray shares some of her local lockdown sketches



The back of a building through Lidl carpark,
Edmonton 23/3/20



The Old Fred Perry Factory, Edmonton 26/4/20

Since the lockdown started, for my daily exercise I've been exploring and taking in the urban, industrial landscape we're surrounded by in Upper Edmonton. On my regular route, I go past this building sitting quietly on the corner of Bridport Road and Bull Lane. It's still a clothes factory, but it was once a Fred Perry

Factory. Inspired by the 1930s architectural heritage in the area, I began a series of drawings of lesser-known places from my walks, with a considered response to shadows and silhouettes. I use photography to capture forms, lines and structures that provoke a new way of looking. I hope that by sharing

drawings of day-to-day buildings that are normally just walked past, it becomes possible to start engaging with the local landscape from a new perspective.

See more of Taz's work on social media:
Instagram @readbutnoheard



View from Commercial Road
Edmonton
(Romeo Trading Company)
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ARNOS GROVE

Tube car park plans submitted



How the Arnos Grove development would look if built

BY SIMON ALLIN,
LOCAL DEMOCRACY REPORTER

PLANS TO BUILD BLOCKS of flats up to seven storeys high next to Arnos Grove Station have been submitted to Enfield Council for consideration.

The proposed development on the station's car park would see 162 homes built, with 40% classed as 'affordable'. The plans have been drawn up by Connected Living London (CLL) – a partnership between Transport for London (TfL) and developer Grainger. If approved, four buildings ranging

the station and neighbouring properties. The developers say the 'build-to-rent' scheme would help meet the borough's projected housing need of 1,876 homes per year over the next 25 years.

There has been criticism, however, over the loss of 297 car parking spaces for station users. Ten spaces would be retained for TfL staff and eleven for blue badge holders. More than 2,500 people signed a petition against the proposed development last year, citing loss of parking, traffic congestion, and unaffordable housing.

from one to seven storeys high would be built close to the Grade 2*-listed station building, designed in 1932 by Charles Holden.

According to a heritage statement submitted as part of the application, Arnos Grove Station "makes one of the most important contributions to early modernism and railway architecture, both in Britain and internationally". But Grainger says its design "has focused on preserving and enhancing the setting of the listed station building".

The taller blocks would be built to the north of the site, away from

Ben Tate from Transport for London said: "This heritage-led scheme has been sensitively designed to respond to and enhance the setting of the important Grade 2*-listed station building.

"Our plans have been developed with input from the local community and we will continue to keep people informed as we go through the planning process."

To have your say on the plans, visit planningandbuildingcontrol.enfield.gov.uk/online-applications and use reference 20/01049/FUL.

GORDON HILL

Schools proposed

BY SIMON ALLIN,
LOCAL DEMOCRACY REPORTER

PLANS HAVE BEEN UNVEILED for two schools and hundreds of homes on the site of disused hospital buildings.

The Department for Education wants to build two schools – Wren Academy and One Degree Academy – on land near Chase Farm Hospital in The Ridgeway. It also plans to provide up to 370 homes at the site, currently a mixture of redundant hospital facilities and empty residential accommodation.

Wren Academy, a secondary school and sixth form, would provide places for 1,260 pupils, while One Degree Academy would provide 630 primary school places and 90 nursery places for pupils aged two years and upwards.

Plans for the homes – a mixture of one, two and three bed units – will be submitted in outline form showing how the site may be developed, with a more detailed submission coming forward at a later date.

To have your say on the proposals and for more information, visit chasefarmdevelopment.co.uk.

EDMONTON

GP surgery 'inadequate'

BY SIMON ALLIN,
LOCAL DEMOCRACY REPORTER

A GP SURGERY WHERE inspectors raised concerns over the management of patients receiving high-risk medicines has been rated 'inadequate'.

Keats Surgery in Church Street was placed into special measures by the Care Quality Commission (CQC) following an inspection carried out in February. If it fails to improve by August the current provider could be stopped from running the service.

Keats Surgery was rated 'good' in 2016 and 'requires improvement' in 2019 but the practice

– which cares for more than 5,000 patients – was given the watchdog's lowest rating after inspectors raised concerns over safety, the effectiveness of care, and the surgery's leadership.

Safety concerns flagged up by inspectors include a finding that the practice "did not always safely monitor and manage patients prescribed with high-risk medicines". During a review of patient records, the inspectors found "a lack of detail in patient consultation notes for patients prescribed high-risk medicines".

North Central London Clinical Commissioning Group was approached for comment.

WINCHMORE HILL

Bin bother

BY SIMON ALLIN,
LOCAL DEMOCRACY REPORTER

A "LEAFY" STREET HAS BEEN turned into a "mini landfill site" because people are dumping excess waste there, a resident claims.

Rubbish has been frequently strewn across the ground in Hoppers Lane. Peter Smith claimed the problem started after waste and recycling rounds were cut to fortnightly in March. Barrowell Green Recycling Centre was also closed for several weeks, before reopening on an appointment-only basis in mid-May.

Peter said: "Since the fortnightly

collections, unfortunately a number of people have been using this local bin as a bit of a mini landfill. I saw two people recently dropping two or three bags off.

"People haven't got the collections and they have not got anywhere to dump stuff in the recycling centre – they are stuck, really."

Peter said it was a particularly difficult situation for large families living in flats who are producing more waste as they stay at home during the coronavirus lockdown.

An Enfield Council spokesperson said: "While many London boroughs have reduced their collections during the Covid-19 crisis, Enfield Council has maintained recycling and waste collections – and collecting up to two bags of

side-waste per household.

"The minority of people dumping their rubbish are committing a civil offence. We encourage residents to report it so the council can investigate and clear it."



The dumped rubbish in Hoppers Road

SOUTHGATE

Nurses celebrated

RESIDENTS AT HUGH MYDDELTON House in Old Farm Avenue paid tribute to nursing staff on International Nurses Day.

The care home provides residential, nursing and dementia care and Ramona Stanciu, deputy manager, said: "At Hugh Myddelton House our nurses and staff are hard-working, dedicated, and passionate about car-

ing for others, and that compassion and commitment has shone through even more these past few months.

"They continue to work tirelessly, and I'm proud of the professionalism and duty of care they uphold."

Resident Ellen Box said: "The staff here are kind and caring, they are extremely passionate about the care they provide."

Reassurances over Enfield Town's future

Andrew Warshaw reports from an Enfield Town FC fans' forum held via Zoom



Tottenham Hotspur grounds staff were sent to assist with pitch maintenance at the Queen Elizabeth II Stadium in Donkey Lane, home of Enfield Town FC
Credit Tottenham Hotspur FC

There may be no football at Queen Elizabeth II Stadium until at least the autumn, but Enfield Town is doing its utmost to keep communication channels open with fans.

Early in May, instead of the usual player of the year awards ceremony, a Zoom chat was held with members to look back at the season and plan for the next, whenever that might be.

Muhammadu ('Mo') Faal, who realised a lifelong dream of playing professional football when he moved up four leagues to join Bolton Wanderers in January, was named player of the year by fans after scoring a remarkable 24 goals in 25 games for the Towners. Scott Thomas was named players' player and manager's player of the year after a string of influential displays in defensive midfield.

Enfield chairman Paul Reed admitted to members that at the time the season was declared null and void: "Things were pretty desperate – I don't think we can dress it up any other way."

But, he made clear, it was exactly the same for all clubs at Enfield Town's level, where gate receipts are all-important and where the Covid-19 crisis has had a catastrophic effect. The good news is that, thanks to a business grant and rate relief, together with one or two vital cost-cutting measures, the club will not only survive but will be ready to go again whenever non-league football is given

charge again, and he and captain Marc Weatherstone both believe the club have unfinished business after ending the curtailed season in seventh spot just outside the play-off positions.

The plan is to keep the core of the squad together and try and make one or two additions. "All of us managers are in the same boat," says Andy. "No-one knows when we can even start pre-

that we might not have done in previous seasons," said Weathers, as he is known.

"The dressing room is strong. People like Scott Thomas, for instance. I know Mo got the fans' vote for player of the year and he's a great striker, one of the best the club's ever had. But for me, no-one touched Scott in terms of reading the game, probably the best defensive midfielder I've ever played with."

Meanwhile, with its own state-of-the-art training ground just around the corner, Tottenham Hotspur has lent a helping hand in terms of pitch maintenance at QE2 Stadium. Spurs were able to bring over their high-tech pitch care equipment, and the work carried out involved aerating and top dressing the goal areas, followed by an over-seeding and watering of the surface to give the grass the best possible chance of survival during the summer months.

Town director Christine Hamilton said: "A big thank you to Tottenham Hotspur Football Club for their help with our pitch during these difficult times."

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the go ahead to start the 2020/21 season.

Despite the coronavirus, the board are meeting every two weeks online. Paul says there are "many unknowns" such as how the club deals with social distancing in the dressing rooms and the bar. However, what we do know is that manager Andy Leese will be in

season but I'd like to think we can push on again. There's a real togetherness and that brings resilience."

Marc, one of Town's two contracted players, said there is little wrong in terms of spirit and that all that was needed were one or tweaks. "There were games where we picked up points

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