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A section of the Turkey Brook in Enfield Wash has been revitalised after being diverted from its concrete channel into a new wetlands area in Albany Park, boosting wildlife and reducing flood risk. The project was funded by City Hall, the Environment Agency and Enfield Council and was officially launched last month by (from left) council cabinet member for environment Rick Jewell; council chief executive Ian Davis; deputy London mayor Shirley Rodrigues; and Enfield mayor Sabri Ozaydin – read more on Page 6 Credit Enfield Council

‘Toxic culture’ claim rocks council

BY JAMES CRACKNELL

A former senior staff member at Enfield Council has claimed there is a “toxic culture” of “bullying and intimidation” within the civic centre.

Paul Everitt, who was the council’s head of arts and culture for 13 years, hit out at his former employer after being made redundant last month.

Although the reason given for the redundancy by the council was that his post was “deleted”, Paul told the *Dispatch* it was clear “they wanted me out of the organisation” after he had opposed a recent shake-up of arts venues and the way they are managed. The council has denied Paul’s claims.

Talking about some of the issues

he dealt with at the civic centre, Paul said: “When you are working in that toxic culture you are in a state of fear, you don’t trust every part of the organisation and it closes in around you. There is nowhere to go. A survival instinct kicks in.”

Paul was placed on gardening leave in the summer prior to his redundancy in October. Although other council jobs were made available to staff affected by the restructure, Paul added: “My whole career is about culture, so being in charge of street cleaning didn’t really appeal to me.”

A council spokesperson said: “There is not a toxic atmosphere of bullying at Enfield Council. This is a baseless and slanderous allegation and a slur on all at Enfield Council.

“Paul Everitt never raised a grievance or complaint about such behaviour when he worked at the

council. If he had, it would have been thoroughly and rigorously investigated and dealt with. The truth is, a review of the efficiency of the service including whether council taxpayers were getting value for money, led to the deletion of the post of arts and culture manager. Paul Everitt received a

**“They wanted
me out”**

generous redundancy package.

“These are very tough financial times for Enfield Council – the government has cut more than 50% of our funding over the past ten years. There have been other redundancies in the past among staff as a result of those cuts as

we have redesigned services to stay within our budget and keep council tax as low as possible.

“We take the culture of our workforce very seriously. We encourage people to speak with us directly if they have any concerns, and they will be dealt with in line with our procedures and our duty-of-care responsibilities.”

Paul was widely admired for his work in Enfield supporting diverse and under-represented artists and performers across the borough. He says he will now be building on that legacy after starting a new job with Love Your Doorstep, a local community interest company. Emma Rigby, the organisation’s founder, said she was “beyond excited” to have him join her team.

Paul has written for the *Dispatch* about his work supporting the borough’s arts and culture scene – turn to Page 8



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Whitewebbs Park Golf Course was permanently closed by the council in March but remains open as an area for recreation

Council awards 25-year Whitewebbs Park lease to Spurs

BY SIMON ALLIN,
LOCAL DEMOCRACY REPORTER

Enfield Council has been accused of “not listening” to residents after agreeing to hand over Whitewebbs Park Golf Course to Tottenham Hotspur.

The council confirmed it would award a 25-year lease for the now-closed municipal course to Spurs if the football club’s proposals win planning permission – prompting a backlash from those who want to “retain 100% access” to the whole of Whitewebbs.

The Premier League outfit wants to turn the northern part of the golf course into a football academy for its women’s and girls’ teams, comprising up to eight pitches. The plans would see the southern part of the course turned into parkland which would be “fully accessible by the public”.

The council awarded the club’s proposal the highest score against its criteria for assessing bids for the course, which included public accessibility and the maintenance of open areas. But its latest announcement has also been sharply criticised by local campaigners.

Sean Wilkinson, chair of Friends of Whitewebbs Park, said: “I have serious concerns about this – not just what they are doing for the park but for the financial basis of this deal. Whoever has negotiated this should be seriously considering their position. It looks appalling for the park.”

A major factor behind the decision to lease out the course was financial, with council leaders claiming it had lost £1.1million on Whitewebbs over a five-year period. But Sean and others have disputed the figure and said the financial benefits to the council – an initial premium of £500,000 followed by £75,000 yearly rent from year six to 25 – were “non-existent” compared to what Spurs could afford. He also warned the club had no experience of running a public park.

The council pledged to use the money to invest £100,000 per year in grassroots sport for young people across the borough and pointed out the public previously had no right of access to the majority of the golf course. But Sean accused the council of “misrepresenting” Whitewebbs, arguing that people regularly used the course for recreation and dog walking. He also claimed that when the previous council bought Whitewebbs in 1931, its intention was for it to revert to open space after it had been used as a golf course.

The plan to lease out Whitewebbs Park Golf Course was a key issue in a by-election campaign that took place in Chase ward earlier this year. The election saw Conservative candidate Andrew Thorp win a seat from Labour after pledging to campaign to protect Whitewebbs. Cllr Thorp said: “I am deeply disappointed [...] this is another example of the council not listening to residents

and not representing residents’ views.

“They want to retain 100% access to the park – and that will not be the case.”

A council spokesperson said: “Tottenham Hotspur’s proposal was the highest scoring against the criteria set out by the council and demonstrated a commitment to embrace the council’s vision.

“This decision to grant a lease to Tottenham Hotspur Football Club for part of the Whitewebbs Park Golf Course site, subject to planning permission, would enhance public access, improve maintenance of woodland and open areas, and provide welfare facilities and refreshments.”

A Tottenham Hotspur spokesperson said its bid was based on “enhanced public access through improvements to footpaths and bridleways, restoration of part of the former golf course to recreate parkland, redevelopment of the southern clubhouse to form new food and beverage facilities open to the public, and the creation of a new women and girls football academy [...] creating a national first situated here in Enfield”.

They added: “The club is looking forward to working closely with all stakeholders to develop its proposals into a planning application next year.”

A summary document of Tottenham Hotspur’s proposals for Whitewebbs can be found at tottenhamhotspur.com/media/39082/whitewebbs.pdf

End of the line

The driver of a train which smashed through the buffers at Enfield Town Station has been arrested after testing positive for drugs.

The incident on 12th October injured two passengers. The 39-year-old train driver, from Essex, was arrested by British Transport Police on 26th October “on suspicion of endangering the safety of the railway and being unfit to work through drink or drugs”. He was bailed until 19th November. Arriva Rail London, the driver’s employer, confirmed he was suspended after a positive drugs test. It was understood to be cocaine.

Netflix deal

Streaming giant Netflix has signed a deal to create some of its shows at a new production hub in Ponders End.

The US corporation agreed a multi-year lease with warehouse operator SEGRO for three “high-specification units” for film and TV production. Hundreds of new jobs are expected to be created.

Enfield Council claimed it helped facilitate the move by “working to make the borough an attractive location” for film and TV production companies and working with SEGRO to ensure its buildings could be lawfully used for film and TV production. Several other film studios have recently been opened in the borough, many by converting existing industrial warehouses. In total there’s now 6.8 hectares of film studio space in the borough.

Council leader Nesil Caliskan said: “This is exciting news for Enfield.”

Ulez arrives

The extension of London’s Ultra Low Emission Zone (Ulez) has become operational, bringing Enfield borough within the zone for the first time.

Ulez now covers all areas within the North Circular Road and it is estimated that 100,000 cars, 35,000 vans and 3,000 lorries could potentially be affected by the tighter standards. Drivers are being urged to check whether their vehicles complies before entering the zone.

Mayor of London Sadiq Khan said: “Ulez has already cut nitrogen dioxide pollution by nearly half in central London and the expansion of the zone means many more Londoners across the city will enjoy the benefits of cleaner, healthier air.”

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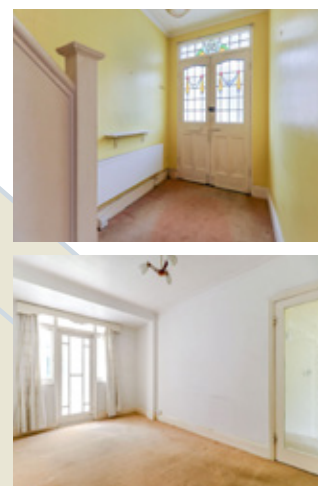
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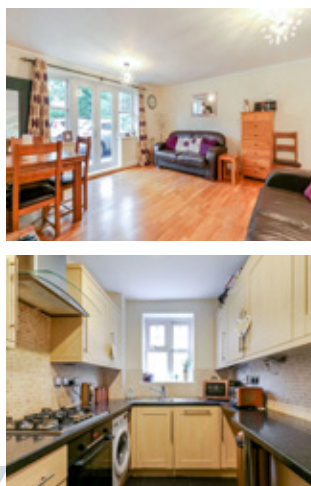
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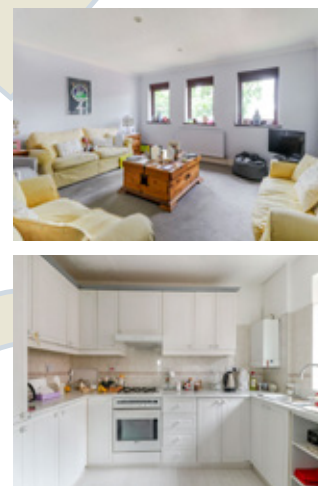
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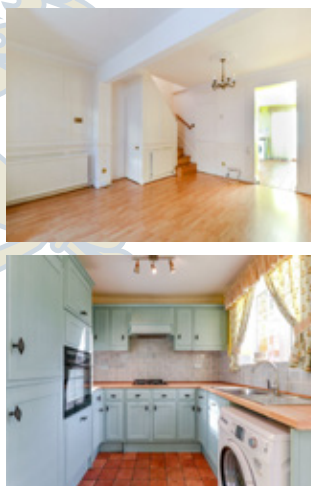
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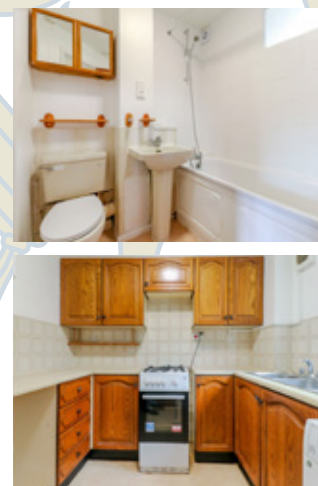
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Garry Kousoulou, director of Loving Social Media (left), with some of the young people he has helped via the government's Kickstart Scheme



Giving young people's careers a kick start

Heather Collier from Loving Social Media on how the Enfield business is using a government scheme to help young people into work

For the past seven months, Loving Social Media has helped support the launch of the government's £2billion Kickstart Scheme to help young people into employment following the pandemic.

Situated in the heart of Enfield, Loving Social Media is dedicated to supporting small businesses that reflect local living and local people. With the aftermath of the Covid-19 pandemic and the financial difficulties that businesses and young people are facing, we thought it was only right to do our bit – for young people in Enfield and across the UK.

The scheme is designed to help 16–24-year-olds who are at risk of long-term unemployment, while also aiming to support businesses. By hiring a young person to complete a six-month placement, businesses on the scheme provide them with a crucial learning experience in the workplace – covered completely by the government for a maximum of 25 hours per week – and use them to rejuvenate the business at no cost.

Employers of all sizes are eligible

to the scheme, as long as they can prove the role that they are offering is new, separate from the main operations of the business, and that they have not made any recent redundancies or placed any staff on furlough.

“Businesses on the scheme provide young people with a crucial learning experience in the workplace”

Enfield's Garry Kousoulou, head of Loving Social Media, plus Socially Sorted founder Carole Fossey, who is based in Manchester, are offering social media training to young people hired via Kickstart. Through a series of online learning, virtual events and group mentoring, each 'Kickstarter' receives a masterclass in digital marketing, so that they can help build their employer's online brand. Thanks to Garry and Carole's partnership, each Kickstarter has become an expert in creating exciting content such as graphics,

video, blogging and more.

Chancellor Rishi Sunak recently announced that the scheme will be extended until March next year, allowing more businesses to fill new roles without any financial strain. If you are interested in taking part, our team at Loving Social Media can assist you with the application process, fill out each form for you accordingly, and help you secure your place with the Department for Work and Pensions so you can get the ball rolling.

One of our Kickstarters, Hannah, told us how valuable the experience has been for her. She said: “I started my Kickstarter journey just over three months ago and I have found it to be the best decision I have made.

“Carole and Garry have set up the perfect training, it was fun and educational while also being hugely supportive.”

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A problem shared

Anna Macer introduces a new dementia café to support both local carers and sufferers themselves

H's Dementia Café is a new place for carers of dementia sufferers to hopefully meet other carers, exchange information, and pick up literature from the major dementia societies and local care centres.

It is essentially a place for carers to have coffee and a slice of cake and realise they are not on this journey alone; it's a place to let off steam and express how they feel, to hopefully enable them to carry on.

The idea came about when I was remembering what it was like trying to find somewhere to have a break with my lovely husband, who sadly was diagnosed with Alzheimer's. He was a tall, fit man in his 60s and once the disease set in, behavioural problems started emerging, such as loud and inappropriate comments on people around us when we were out at a pub or coffee shop. The aim was to keep things as normal as possible for as long as possible, but he would sometimes and suddenly blurt out, very loudly, comments such as “why has that woman got

such a huge fat bottom?” and I spent a lot of time being ready to sink into the floorboards, apologising and explaining that he has Alzheimer's.

I hope our little venture means carers are happy to come alone or with their loved one and no-one bats an eyelid at inappropriate comments or behaviour. We are not trained carers, so the degree of antisocial behaviour will have to be monitored.

However ill a non-dementia patient may be, you are still able to maintain conversation and normal behaviour patterns almost to the end. There is often a failure to understand that with dementia, once the person starts slipping away from you, you are entering an unknown dimension, and this is scary and exhausting.

Even a couple hours of respite and talking to others in the same boat offers a degree of comfort, we hope, so please do come and join us for tea and biscuits and a chat.

H's Dementia Café is open every second and third Monday of the month, 2pm–4pm, at St Stephens Church (small hall), 56 Village Road, Enfield EN1 2EU. For more information: Email anna7tina@aol.com



Dementia cafes are places for carers to meet to talk freely and without judgment Credit Dennis Brendel via Unsplash

Help staying warm this winter

Metin Ali from Direct Community Support on how a new local initiative aims to help support vulnerable families this winter

Heating or eating? Is this even a choice that has to be made? Unfortunately for some this is a reality and a very grim choice.

You would think that in 2021, in a first-world United Kingdom and world-leading metropolitan city such as London, residents of the leafy borough of Enfield wouldn't be suffering from this reality. Unfortunately, they are, and fuel poverty has never been as widespread, with so many contributing factors.

The fuel poverty strategy published by Enfield Council a few years ago highlighted that in 2013 nearly 13,000 households in the borough couldn't afford to heat their homes to adequate levels, while the Enfield Poverty and Inequality Commission report published last year revealed the borough had risen to become the ninth-most deprived in London, with 27% of households in poverty after housing costs and one-in-three children living in poverty.

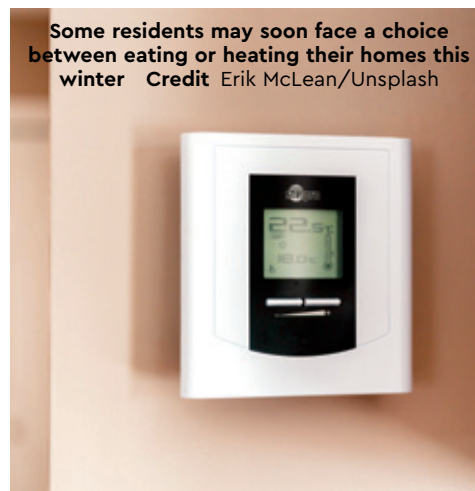
Fast forward to winter 2021; soaring

utility prices, record gas prices, the collapse of several small energy companies, inflation over 3%, supply shortages, plus of course the pandemic, are all exacerbating an already disturbing reality. It has also expanded the problem into households that hitherto would never have thought they would face a choice over whether to eat or heat.

As a community we can help. Through Direct Community Support, our new community interest company, we have been supporting Enfield residents and families with weekly food support parcels over the last year. It was initially started by Direct Eco Solutions Ltd, our local environmental solutions company, as part of our corporate social responsibility to the local community. Myself and fellow director Okan Vasif have been supporting more than 40 families and 100 people with weekly food support parcels during the pandemic.

As you can imagine, an undertaking of

Some residents may soon face a choice between eating or heating their homes this winter Credit Erik McLean/Unsplash



this size couldn't be organised, funded and executed without support, and that support came in many forms. Donations of food and monetary support from local residents, volunteers to help with deliveries weekly on Saturdays (Valentina from TeddyTastic; Christina from Utility Warehouse; Vince from DigIt Solutions; Nas and Vic from Organised Chaos UK; Nese, Sue and Rikki from Utility Warehouse; to name but a few), plus fundraising (DJ Marcus Anthony, Lawrence from Thors Trees and BNI Vision Enfield). We were even donated the use of a building during lockdown as a base of operations (Hale and Colin from Fun Junction) and fresh

food support from Soner and the team at Edible London.

This collective effort demonstrated the power of a local grassroots organisation being supported by local people and businesses and the massive effect it can have on serious social issues. The focus now is to help alleviate some of the burdens of fuel poverty for local residents. With the support of one of our suppliers, Endo Enterprises, plus local plumbers, Direct Community Support will be embarking on a winter project from November until the end of February that will see the most vulnerable families receiving an energy efficiency boost for their home boiler systems – making the systems run 15-20% more efficiently.

This will help offset some of the price increases we are seeing and means the systems can be run on lower settings, while maintaining higher temperatures, reducing running costs and improving the lifespan of the boiler. If you would like to find out more about this scheme, refer a family, or are a local plumber that would like to donate some of your time and skill to help with this initiative, do please get in touch.

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River gets its bend back as wetlands unveiled

New habitat for wildlife created in Albany Park as flood risk reduced

BY JAMES CRACKNELL

A new wetlands habitat and river restoration project – providing a home for wildlife as well as reducing flood risk – has been officially opened in Enfield Wash.

The £1.5million transformation of Albany Park and restoration of a section of the Turkey Brook has been completed with the help of Enfield Council, environmental charity Thames21, the Environment Agency, Greater London Authority (GLA), community group Friends of Albany Park, as well as local school pupils who took part in a planting session.

Turkey Brook previously flowed in a continuous concrete channel along the north side of the park, but during the last year the river has been diverted into the park in a new meander, providing new habitats for wildlife. By also creating an embankment on the other side of the park using excavated soil, it will act as a flood storage area if the river overflows its banks.

At the launch event for Albany Park Wetlands last month the council's senior engineer Ian Russell

told the *Dispatch*: "It is a project that delivers multiple benefits; it is now a better park for people and wildlife, but it is also about flood relief.

"The Turkey Brook was in a concrete channel three metres deep. By diverting the river, we have slowed down the flow, and all that spoil has been used to create a bund so that 50,000 cubic metres of water can be stored here – preventing flooding to between 300 and 400 local properties."

While there is no recent record of flooding in the area around Albany Park, Turkey Brook did over-top its banks along other parts of its course in January and Ian said the wetlands project has been created with climate change in mind.

"We have done computer modelling and we know that if that river spilled over it would flood these properties and there is no point just waiting for it to happen. We have also got a huge biodiversity gain, with new habitats, and Albany Park has been made a more interesting place to visit."

The project was funded by a £346,000 capital grant from the Mayor of London, alongside a £901,000 grant from the Environment



Turkey Brook is now free to flow through Albany Park
Credit: Enfield Council

Agency and £250,000 from Enfield Council's capital programme. Work is continuing to create more than 300 metres of improved footpaths and cycleways in the park, as well as an outdoor classroom.

Albany Park is the latest in Enfield to see new wetlands areas created, following Firs Farm Recreation Ground and Broomfield Park. Rick Jewell, the council's cabinet member for environment, said: "Albany Park is a fantastic example of how we are improving and enhancing our open spaces and making them more accessible.

"It was an enormous task to re-route the river but this will attract wildlife, improve biodiversity and, along with the wetland, protect local homes from flooding risks."

Shirley Rodrigues, deputy mayor of London for environment and energy, joined Cllr Jewell and helped school children from Prince of Wales Primary School with planting sub-aquatic species along the river such as iris, horse-tail and hard rush. She said: "This fantastic project in Albany Park shows how our green spaces can be transformed to be better places for nature and Londoners."

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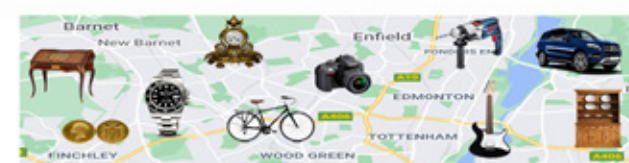


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Wright's Flour has been operating at Ponders End since 1867, but milling is believed to have taken place on the site for more than 1,000 years Credit Wright's Flour

James Cracknell visits Wright's Flour, which has been milling wheat in Ponders End for 154 years

Enfield's oldest business is showing no signs of slowing down.

For most of its existence Wright's Flour, founded in 1867 by George R. Wright, has been based solely at its ancient milling site in Ponders End, on the River Lea. But recent expansion has seen Wright's open a packaging and processing facility up the

road in Brimsdown in 2014 and, at the start of this year, a new £47million mill at Harlow. It now employs around 100 staff.

Milling is said to have taken place on the river at Ponders End as far back as the Norman Conquest. The site today comprises a mix of old and modern buildings, with some parts dating to the 18th Century. Managing

“The heritage and history is very important to the company”

director David Wright, great-great-grandson of the company's founder, still lives at the family home within the mill complex.

So why the need to expand beyond Ponders End? Richard Hawes, the company's national account manager, told the *Dispatch*: “We are completely constrained here in terms of the footprint of the site and the fact that the buildings are listed. David was of the view that we needed to expand our packaging operations, so we bought the site up the road.

“The new building is performing very well and we have everything we need there to grow and develop the business.”

Could Wright's ever leave Ponders End? “We would never tear it down,” says Richard. “It is a family home apart from anything else.

“The Wright family is enormously proud of its heritage. David is the fifth generation and his son James has become milling director, so the sixth generation is in place.”

These days it's unusual for such a successful business – with a brand recognised nationally and internationally – to remain

family-owned and run. Would the Wrights ever contemplate selling up?

“It tends to be younger family businesses that ‘cash in’. When you have been going for over 150 years the main reason you would sell is if the next generation didn't want to do it. [But] James is well ensconced, so the future of Wright's is secure as a family business.

“I think when we get to our 200th anniversary the Wrights will still be running it. The heritage and history is very important to the company.”

The Ponders End site is now the producer of the company's self-raising flour, while plain flour is produced at Harlow and the famous Wright's cake and bread mixes are made at Brimsdown.

Richard insists that Wright's has always focused on modernisation and innovation. In 1909 the water power from the River Lea that had driven millstones at Ponders End for centuries was withdrawn to supply the new King George V Reservoir instead, prompting Wright's to turn to a new source of power.

“We were early adopters of electricity,” says Richard. “The Wright family has always tried to look to the future. David moved us into retail – selling bread mixes and cake mixes – after he recognised their potential.

“We have more plans for the future – the mills [at Ponders End] need to be renovated as they have been here for a long, long time.”

Few businesses in the country have avoided suffering during the Covid-19 pandemic but flour remained in high demand and, in the early days of lockdown, there were even flour shortages in supermarkets.

“When Covid-19 came along the retail side of our business just exploded,” said Richard. “But at the same time the catering side of our business stopped overnight.

“Our retail lines were running 24/7, but we can't do more than that. There was never a flour shortage during Covid-19 – although it looked like that – the constraints were the packaging and the supply of the bag manufacturers. They quite quickly ran out of paper! We never ran out of wheat.

“So it was a challenging time but I am very proud of the way the Wright's workforce stepped up to get as much flour out as we could.”

Competition

Wright's Flour is offering five *Dispatch* readers a chance to win a place on a bread-making course at its bakery in Brimsdown. To enter, simply send a cutting of this article together with your name and contact details to Wright's Flour, Ponders End Mills, Enfield EN3 4TG. Winners will be picked out of a hat at the end of November.



David Wright became managing director in 1994 and is the fifth generation of the Wright family to run the company



Why COP26 matters and what we can do about it

Jenny Edwards from Enfield Climate Action Forum on why COP26 in Glasgow this month really matters

When William Shatner arrived back on Earth after his brief flight into space, he warned us that we can't keep "burying our heads in the sand" about global warming. Shatner said: "I was moved to tears by what I saw, and I come back [...] overwhelmed by sadness and empathy for this beautiful thing we call Earth. I wish I could bring a message of lightness to leaven the terrible news [...] but we're at a tipping point."

The COP26 global conference in Glasgow, involving representatives of 197 countries, has been described as "our last best chance" to turn back from a series of irreversible tipping points for the Earth. This is a chance to look at our (underwhelming) progress towards actions to limit the global rise in temperature to 2°C – ideally 1.5°C – agreed at COP21 in

Paris six years ago.

The average global temperature rise has already reached 1.3°C and this year we have witnessed how even this level of warming has destabilised climate patterns, causing a year of record-setting fires and floods.

We have to achieve a 45% cut in emissions by the end of this decade to have any hope of meeting the 1.5°C goal. When the Intergovernmental Panel on

current carbon emissions trajectories, it found they were on course to increase by 16% by 2030 when compared with 2010 levels.

We cannot continue moving at the current snail's pace. We are acting like the proverbial frog sat in water that is heating, complacently immobile as it rises to a lethal boiling point. While there are many changes to our lives we can make which help create the ground for policy change, it is governments now who have to frame the policy and investment changes needed. Governments have shown that they will only respond if there is a groundswell of public interest and pressure.

"Let your voice be heard as world leaders hold the fate of our beautiful Earth in their hands"

Climate Chance (IPCC) released its latest scientific report in September the head of the United Nations described it as a "code red" warning for humanity. When analysing countries'

Saturday 6th November has been declared a 'Global Day of Action' to show that people want to see real, effective agreements and actions coming from this meeting of world leaders. Of course,



A 'Fridays For Future' protest in Germany calling for global temperatures to be kept below a rise of 1.5°C Credit Mika Baumeister via Unsplash

there will be a major gathering of people of the streets of Glasgow, but in London there will also be a march starting from the Bank of England at 11am. Enfield Climate Action Forum (EnCAF), which brings together 115 organisations across the borough, will be gathering behind our EnCAF banners.

Whatever concerns you about

the environmental risks we face, you are most welcome to join the Enfield contingent on the march. Our suggested meeting place is in Ironmonger Lane in EC2 at 10.30am. Let your voice be heard as world leaders hold the fate of our beautiful Earth in their hands!

For more information about EnCAF: Visit encaf.org

How I will continue to support the community

The former head of arts and culture at Enfield Council on what he loves about the borough and how he will continue to support local people in his new role

BY PAUL EVERITT

After growing up as a very camp young gay man in a small working-class Midlands town, I know what it is like to be ostracised and bullied.

I learned quickly that to survive in such an unfriendly environment, it is vital not to allow yourself to live in fear, to know who you are, to stand up for yourself and to be proud. Those life lessons gained as a child stood me in good stead to survive the past three-and-a-half years working within the toxic culture currently pervasive in the organisation I have just departed.

A culture of bullying and intimidation took hold at the civic centre, designed to paralyse through

fear. The previous ten years had been different, however. Though under the constant struggle and strain of cost pressures and budget cuts, there was an instinct and energy from elected members and officers to engage with the community, to design and deliver an infrastructure that was wanted and needed, and to keep engaged to ensure things kept improving for the whole community. Unity, not division, was the prize.

What Enfield has in spades is good and dedicated people. I have met them in every corner of the community over the past 13 years. They have challenged me when their community has been overlooked and they have supported me when I have tried to do something about it. I remember well Janet Kay giving me a right



Paul Everitt is now the director of culture and community infrastructure for Love Your Doorstep CIC, having previously spent 13 years as head of arts and culture for Enfield Council

telling off that she was performing concerts in Tokyo but not at her own local theatre; Saray Karakus explaining that her Edmonton theatre troupe was having to travel all the way to Dalston for rehearsals; Nina Lewis pleading that many tal-

ented young people simply don't have the funds to pay fees; Debbie Dean enraged that good local artists were being overlooked – all good people challenging us to do better and to be better.

Arts and culture is an essential

experience for us all and the sad truth is that it is so often only available for people who can pay for it. The balance of those employed in the arts has shifted even further towards those that can afford it, and the sector does not reflect our community. We worked hard to reverse that in Enfield, and I was so proud to have led a diverse team that was able to crack through that glass ceiling.

As I learned as a child, we mustn't lie down when we've been given a bloody nose. We must stand up and find another way. So I am thrilled to have been offered the opportunity to find that other way with Love Your Doorstep, an organisation that has supported the community in so many ways over the past ten years. I am looking forward to continuing to work with the good people of Enfield to ensure that voices are heard, and resources are developed in every part of the community.

Enfield Council has denied the claims made by Paul Everitt – to read the council's full statement in response, see Page 1.

Feryal Clark was elected as Labour MP for Enfield North in December 2019
Credit parliament.uk



Political debate has become too hostile

Enfield North MP Feryal Clark reacts to the horrific killing of a fellow parliamentarian

Democracy is incredibly precious, and it is the duty of all of us to protect it.

Democracy is not something we can rely on, and bank as a buffer against the ills of the world. It is a fragile framework that continues to come under constant threat, and we must renew our efforts to protect it.

The tragic killing of Sir David Amess MP at a constituency surgery has been made more difficult to comprehend because it was not just a senseless act of violence, but an attack on the democratic system that is the very fabric of British politics.

David, like so many of my colleagues in parliament on that Friday afternoon, was out in his local community speaking to constituents and helping them with the problems they faced. He was simply doing his job.

I saw first-hand the warmth that endeared David to so many on one of my first days in parliament. Looking lost with my new lanyard on, David not only asked how I was settling in, but encouraged me to join his APPG (All Party Parliamentary Group) on the Olympics and Paralym-

pics and take an officer role.

David was consistently encouraging and positive and would without fail smile and say hello every time I bumped into him in parliament. Coming just five years after the murder of Jo Cox, David's death serves as a reminder of just how fragile our democracy is in the UK.

"It is the stark reality of what can happen when our politics becomes so hostile"

MPs being able to go out into the communities that we represent and speak to our constituents face-to-face is an absolute cornerstone of the democratic process. It is the fact that David was killed performing this vital duty that has made his death so difficult to comprehend for so many.

While the horrific act that took David's life may seem far removed from our daily lives, it is the stark reality of what can happen when our politics becomes so hostile.

Every death threat, every intimidating message, every unpleasant

insult; they all contribute to the degrading of our public discourse. The words of Jo Cox of "more in common", now immortalised inside the chamber of the House of Commons, must ring as true now as they ever have done.

Robust, passionate debate is a crucial part of politics, and no-one should seek to dilute or detract from it. But the spirit of such debate is what can and must change.

We must do more to not just acknowledge the perspective of our political opponents, but to engage with it and learn from each other. One of David's greatest strengths as an MP was his collegiate nature, constantly reaching across the floor, willing to work with anyone on the issues that mattered to him and his constituents.

That is what endeared him to so many, and why his legacy will have such a lasting impact in Southend, parliament, and beyond. In David's memory we should all strive to protect our fragile democracy and make politics a kinder place.

Feryal Clark is the Labour MP for Enfield North. If you are a constituent you can get in touch with her by phone or email:

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LETTERS

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 **Monday 15th November**

Speaking out

Dear Enfield Dispatch

As a former leader of Enfield Council, I have resisted the temptation to comment on my successors' decisions. Your article on Chaddlewood [*Sheltered housing shake-up slammed*, Page 2, Issue 37], which I was proud to plan when chair of housing, has forced me to speak out.

The current council is going through a period of massive change and is in need of strong, decisive, leadership. I fear the current Labour leadership is not up to the challenge. They are floundering around like vandals, with no feel for the borough or its people, no civic pride, and no vision.

Each week another disaster; skyscrapers at Southbury Road; running from the appeal over Arnos Grove (what hope Cockfosters?); rubbish uncollected; grass uncut; roads blocked off; Whitewebbs Park Golf Course closed; Trent Country Park despoiled; Green Belt being built on. It's political insanity. New leadership is required to get a grip. We need to fight for what is right for Enfield.

John Lindsay MBE

Former Conservative leader of Enfield Council 1986–88

High carbon

Dear Enfield Dispatch

In the article *Heating up* in the October issue [Page 10, Issue 37], the community heating network under construction by Energetik at Meridian Water was described as "low carbon" and praised for its contribution to meeting climate targets. These claims are based on misinformation. The power and heat will come from the so-called Edmonton Eco Park, and its source will be the new, bigger, waste incinerator. This incinerator will produce CO₂, contributing to global heating and the climate crisis. It will damage people's health.

Energetik could live up to its claims if its heat network was supplied by green power such as wind and solar. Why are they instead wedded to the idea of a polluting monster? The *Heating up* article was a neat piece of free PR for the company.

Mary Anderson

Stop the Edmonton Incinerator Now

Hot topics

Dear Enfield Dispatch

Winchmore Hill Residents' Association's annual general meeting took place on 14th October in front of the largest attendance on record – estimated at 135.

This was the first AGM to take place in person since November 2019, since when membership has risen from 200 to more than 600. Subjects discussed included the new 456 bus route, outdoor dining on The Green, low-traffic neighbourhoods (LTNs), crime, fly-tipping and Enfield Council's draft Local Plan. There were three local politicians who addressed the meeting; local MP Bambos Charalambous and ward councillors Maria Alexandrou and Dinah Barry. Winchmore Hill's third council representative, deputy leader Ian Barnes, declined to attend.

The debate over LTNs was addressed by the local MP, who said he understood the issues and promised to respond to individual concerns. A recurring theme was the monitoring of the effects of pollution. I felt the meeting demonstrated the strength of opinions across Winchmore Hill and is testimony to the residents' association being well positioned to deal with the welfare of the community.

Neil Littman

Winchmore Hill

Scrutiny farce

Dear Enfield Dispatch

One of the responsibilities of the council's environment scrutiny panel is to scrutinise the environment strategy for Meridian Water. The panel had been seeking responses to outstanding questions, some of which hadn't been answered for over a year. The council finally published answers last month, but refused to publish the questions themselves, with councillors commenting that the responses did not make sense without the questions or accompanying report. Earlier this year, several scrutiny panel members raised concerns after the council refused to publish the report of the panel's recommendations, despite having majority panel support. The council claimed it couldn't publish the report as officers hadn't had input – it remains unpublished several months later. This is not scrutiny; this is farce.

Matt Burn

Better Homes Enfield

Pensioner walks 1,000 miles for hospice

BY JAMES CRACKNELL

A pensioner has finished walking 1,000 miles in six months to help raise thousands of pounds for North London Hospice.

Peter Murray, 86, suffers from back problems but said the pain “disappears” as soon he starts walking with his shopping trolley around Palmers Green, Winchmore Hill, Enfield Town, Edmonton Green and beyond.

The avid fundraiser walks between four and 15 miles every day and often stops to chat to people along the way, raising awareness of the charities he supports as he does so. His efforts have now helped raise more than £2,000 for North London Hospice, which Peter said provided “excellent” care for his two sisters Patricia Cox and Mary Hanney.

He told the *Dispatch*: “When I get behind my shopping trolley to start my walk, my back pain disappears. I usually walk from Palmers Green to Enfield Town Station and back again, sometimes I go to Wood Green, and I also walk to



Peter Murray celebrates the completion of his 1,000-mile walk at North London Hospice with medical director Sam Edwards

Edmonton Green Shopping Centre.

“Some days I will do 15 miles but then the next day I will only do four miles because it is quite tiring. I keep a record of all the miles I walk so I can keep track of it.”

After starting his epic 1,000-mile hike in April, Peter completed his target last

month. So does that mean he will stop walking? “My next target is 5,000 miles,” Peter said, before setting off on another morning stroll.

Donate to support Peter Murray's fundraising mission for North London Hospice:
Visit justgiving.com/fundraising/peter-murray-walks-1000-miles

Fines for drivers in LTNs hit £3m Councillor claims signs are ‘misleading’ drivers

BY SIMON ALLIN,
LOCAL DEMOCRACY REPORTER

Opposition councillors have slammed “confusing” road signs after Enfield Council raked in more than £3million from fines dished out to drivers in two low-traffic neighbourhoods (LTNs).

The Conservatives claim the “sheer volume” of penalty charge notices issued to motorists – almost 62,000 since September last year – shows how unclear the signs are.

Two LTNs were introduced in Enfield last year in a bid to cut rat-running and pollution; the Bowes Primary Area Quieter Neighbourhood in Bowes Park and the Fox Lane Quieter Neighbourhood in Southgate and Palmers Green. Some of the road entrances that are closed to motor vehicles are enforced using cameras, in order to allow access to emergency services.

The council claims the signs installed at motor vehicle closure points “fully meet the requirements set out in the relevant regulations”. But motorists are continuing to be caught out by the cameras, with the total fines revenue from the LTNs reaching £3,031,881 in August. It includes more than £1.5m raised from a single camera in Meadway, Southgate.

Maria Alexandrou, shadow cabinet member for climate change, said: “This disgraceful Labour council has failed to do something about the misleading camera

road signage, especially on Meadway, Warwick Road and Fox Lane, and is shamelessly continuing to charge residents with penalty fines they can ill afford to pay.”

Signs installed by the council to alert residents to the LTNs state “no motor vehicles” and “area in which cameras are used to enforce traffic regulations”, both of which are included in the Highway Code.

But Cllr Alexandrou said the council should have gone further and included larger, written warnings, similar to those alerting drivers to the presence of ‘School Streets’. She said: “They are not big, clear signs saying ‘road closed – LTNs’. With School Streets, people know. It has been a year; if [the signs] had been clear, people would have cottoned on.”

Several other councils have introduced additional signage to warn of LTN restrictions. Some include signs saying “motor vehicles prohibited, penalty charges now apply” and “enforcement cameras live”.

During a scrutiny meeting in March, leader Nesil Caliskan said there would be a review of some LTN signs after fines raised by enforcement cameras neared £2m. Cllr Alexandrou claimed nothing had been done following that meeting, but a council spokesperson said the signs were reviewed.

Enfield’s Conservatives had previously called for the borough’s LTNs to be removed until it could be shown that they are supported by a majority of residents, but the Labour administration rejected the call. The

Tories claimed the schemes had failed to improve air quality and caused additional congestion and pollution on surrounding main roads. Labour-run Ealing Council began removing seven LTNs last month.

An Enfield Council spokesperson said: “Signage installed at motor vehicle closure points in the borough fully meets the requirements set out in the relevant regulations. Using the prescribed signs available, they clearly indicate that motor vehicles should not pass through the restriction and that camera enforcement is in place. These camera-enforced closures are in place following discussion with the emergency services prior to the trials starting, to enable the emergency services continued access to these residential areas.

“The signs installed were reviewed following discussion at a scrutiny panel meeting in March, which confirmed their compliance. Neither the regulations nor the accompanying national guidance suggests councils should add additional signage such as non-standard ‘information signs’, in case motorists are unclear about the meaning of the official signs.

“However, in a number of locations, the council has added additional advisory signs prior to the closure points, to help inform motorists that there is no through access.

“The trials and monitoring of the Bowes and Fox Lane quieter neighbourhoods are ongoing. Decisions on both of these trials are expected over the winter period.”

Fresh call for weekly collections as recycling target missed

BY SIMON ALLIN,
LOCAL DEMOCRACY REPORTER

Enfield Council will look to ramp up borough-wide recycling after consistently failing to meet its target during the past year.

Rick Jewell, cabinet member for environment, says the council is “stepping up a gear” after the coronavirus pandemic hampered efforts to encourage residents to boost the amount of waste they recycle.

The council’s current target is to ensure 37% of household waste is sent for reuse, recycling and composting. Its climate action plan, published last year, aims to up the figure to 49% by 2022. But according to a performance report, the average recycling rate across 2020/21 was 33.2% – dropping to a low of 31.9% in the final quarter.

Enfield’s Conservative opposition group criticised the findings and claimed they showed the move to fortnightly bin collections in March last year had failed to boost recycling.

Maria Alexandrou, shadow cabinet member for climate change, said: “These figures [show] the council’s inability to deal effectively with recycling. Labour continue to miss their targets, which ridicules their feeble attempt to tackle climate change. To increase recycling rates, weekly recycling collections must resume.”

Speaking during a cabinet meeting last month, Cllr Jewell said the coronavirus pandemic had affected the recycling rate, but its impact was expected to diminish. He said teams were being sent out to engage with the public, including visiting schools to talk to children about recycling. A waste and recycling board will also be established to provide oversight of the council’s recycling efforts.

Doug Wilkinson, director of environment, said the council was identifying parts of the borough where recycling bins are contaminated and engaging with people “over a long period of time” to encourage “behavioural change”.

He added that the council was looking to provide appropriate recycling facilities for flats, which he described as “hugely challenging across London”.

Doug said: “I think we are at that point where we can start and do what we always planned to do, and hopefully kick on and improve those recycling rates.”



ENFIELD COMMUNITY HEROES

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Giving cyclists confidence

David Hilliard helps residents learn to love riding on two wheels

When 'Mini Holland' was launched seven years ago, David Hilliard saw the opportunity to boost cycling in a borough traditionally dominated by car drivers.

Mini Holland brought cycling infrastructure to London boroughs that previously lacked such facilities, helping to spark a shift among residents from four wheels to two. David cycled to his office at Canary Wharf – 15 miles away – and wanted to help others ditch their car.

Recognising that many people lacked confidence to get on their bikes, since 2014 David has helped hundreds of Enfield residents to cycle with confidence as part of Enfield Cycling Campaign's (ECC) training programme.

"It was a lot of small groups, families, schools," he says. "The biggest buzz now is if I see children

David Hilliard is a cycling instructor with London Cycling Campaign



using the bike lanes or older people doing their shopping. That is what I want to do – to make it easier and more comfortable for people to get on a bike."

Among David's students was a journalist from Afghanistan who had never ridden a bike before but who, under his tutelage, was soon able to cycle from Southgate to her job at the BBC. Another was a doctor who wanted to cycle to North Middlesex Hospital but hadn't sat on a bike for 25 years.

"Seeing her [the doctor] on the bike and then her saying she had been missing out – it is a great thing to be involved in helping people like that."

After being made redundant last year, David became a full-time cycling instructor. Recently he has been leading ECC's 'Cycle Buddies' scheme for new riders and working with

community groups such as the British Alevis Association. "It's important to look at the barriers to getting people cycling," says David. "One of them is whether they see other people who look like them ride a bike, people they can relate to."

David was nominated as an 'Enfield Community Hero' by Laurie Meister, who said she was "afraid to cycle and use the cycle lanes" before meeting him. She wanted to also thank Jill Warren and Sarah Horne for leading a series of women's rides in the borough.

Nominate your heroes

Dispatch readers are welcome to nominate their own 'Enfield Community Hero' – someone who you think has gone above and beyond to help support the local community. Simply email your nomination to EnfieldDispatch@socialspider.com

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Are you eligible to claim for the Windrush Compensation Scheme?

WINDRUSH REACH

In April this year, the Waltham Forest, Antigua & Barbuda, and Dominica Twinning Association (WFTA) was one of 14 grass roots organisations appointed by the Home Office to promote and support access to the Windrush Compensation Scheme.

Events so far

Following the launch of Windrush Reach on 22nd June, Windrush Day, the Association commenced its programme of information surgeries, family and intergenerational drop-in events. There have already been a series of events with partners such as the Claudia Jones Organisation, Age UK and Citizens Advice. All provide valuable context and insight from those directly making applications on behalf of those eligible, and you can expect them to be sociable too – including music, history, and refreshments.



Our relaxed Windrush Reach Social Surgeries are a place to learn and ask questions

What is Windrush and who are the Windrush Generation?

The name 'Windrush' derives from the 'HMT Empire Windrush' ship which brought one of the first large groups of Caribbean people to the UK in 1948. The Caribbean was at the time part of the British Commonwealth, these citizens were British subjects and free to permanently live and work in the UK. They were responding to the UK's post war call to fill essential roles in the health and transport services.

What is the Windrush scandal?

In 2017 it emerged that hundreds of Commonwealth citizens, many of whom were from the 'Windrush' generation, had been wrongly detained, deported and denied legal rights as a result of a 2012 UK government policy deliberately aimed to make the UK unliveable for undocumented migrants.

Many of the Windrush generation arrived as children on their parents' passports and as the Home Office had destroyed thousands of landing cards and other records, many lacked the documentation to prove their right to remain in the UK. The burden of proof was on individuals to prove their residency pre-1973, demanding at least one official document from every year they had lived here. These individuals began to lose their access to services, were placed in immigration detention centres, denied travel abroad, or even deported to countries they hadn't seen since they were children.



Why not partner with the WFTA?

Windrush Reach is a London-wide project, and the WFTA welcomes the opportunity to share this important initiative and partner with any organisation that has a network or community of Windrush generation individuals.

Future events and booking links can be found on the Association's website

Email wftwinningassociation@gmail.com or visit www.wftwinningassociation.org/windrush-reach.html



A still from 'Lucky', a comedy written by Alex Cooper



Showcasing local filmmakers

David Williamson from Talkies Community Cinema introduces the long-awaited premiere of its 2020 short film commissions

In March 2020, we at Talkies Community Cinema were a few days away from screening our latest set of short films shot in and around Palmers Green. Then the pandemic hit and we all went into lockdown.

Twenty months later, we're now ready to resume where we left off, with a premiere of the Talkies short film commissions taking place this month at St John's Hall.

It's been a long wait, but we're delighted to showcase the work of six talented young filmmakers who created their short films in various places around Palmers Green. They include stories about betting shops, sewing machines, weddings, cappuccinos, loneliness and even our first music video!

For the past six years, Talkies has given emerging filmmakers funds towards the production of short films in Palmers Green. All the films explore the texture, diversity and sometimes the quirkiness of life in the suburbs.

Filmmaker Kate Braithwaite is one of those we are showcasing in November, with her and Sean Lerwill's documentary *Coffee Culture* exploring the phenomena of socialising around coffee. She said of the experience:

"Talkies short film commissions are an amazing opportunity for emerging directors. As well as the financial support, Talkies also gives valuable advice on locations, sorts extras from their audience, finds a crew base, and has a selection of experienced professionals for mentoring.

"The premiere screening is also a great chance to get a first reaction to your work."

Another film we will be featuring this month is Sarah Boezalt's documentary film *Bookies*, which explores different perspectives of betting shop culture within a community. Included in the film is her nan, who has since passed away, talking about her time managing a betting shop. The film stimulates discussion about

high street gambling, such as the recently opened Mekur Slots, which has caused controversy locally.

The other short films being showcased this month are *Sew*, from director Xenia Glen, a documentary about a mail-order bride who moved from the Philippines to England in the 1980s, only to end up running her own mail-order bride agency; *Guide me Home*, by Stefan Georgiou, which offers a portrait of David, a lonely man desperately interested in human interaction who slips through the cracks in life; *Jilted*, from Dan Hodgson, which tells the story of a bride who has second thoughts on her wedding day; and *Lucky*, a comedy written by Alex Cooper in which a widower is followed around by a masked man with a French horn.

In total, Talkies Community Cinema has now commissioned 30 films by emerging filmmakers. The commissions, which take place annually, are open to all filmmakers, of any style or experience.

The Talkies premiere of short film commissions will be shown at St John's Hall in Bourne Hill, Palmers Green, on Saturday 13th November from 7pm. Tickets (for £6.50) must be pre-booked via the Talkies website:

Visit talkies.org.uk/event



A still from 'Jilted', a film by Dan Hodgson about a bride who has second thoughts on her wedding day

POETRY CORNER

They put a plaque in Church Street

By Eithne Cullen

Sitting in the Turkish caff,
You can see the plaque above the parade.
The sounds of voices calling,
Whoosh of coffee machines,
Clatter of cutlery,
Keep you in the
21st century.

You wouldn't call it placid now,
You'd strain to hear birdsong,
No nightingale would catch your ear, here.
Or take you into dreams and reveries.

They put a plaque in Church Street,
This vindicates my boast
"Keats lived in Edmonton, you know?"
They all think he's a Hampstead man.

Edmonton was a village then,
Thirty years before the railway came;
The route to church was lined with mud
That muffled the sound of the carriages rattling by.

Apprentice to the apothecary
And settled there in peace,
A close friend, described this period as:
"The most placid time in Keats's life."

The church is little changed,
I'm sure. Grand and proud it stands,
Its neighbours council houses
People bustle by without a glance.

Outside, the railway rumbles over the bridge
Across the junction: echoing in metal tones.
Traffic hardly stops, engines road and gear-boxes crash,
Pedestrian lights bleep disharmoniously.

People of all ages appear to talk to themselves,
Their mobile phones glued to their ears.
Headphone wearing youngsters emit the ssszt, ssszt of
their private tunes.

It's hard to picture Keats, gazing from the window
Looking out over the fields, I always see him listless...
His teenage fans sighing: "Such a tragic life!"
His mind's eye perches on the rich and sensual sights of pastoral life,
There would be no thought of cars and bikes.

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Councillor Rick Jewell with artist Liv Wright at the newly-painted Pymmes Park Visitor Centre



Pymmes Park paint project

Pymmes Park Visitor Centre has been given a colourful makeover by local artists.

The exterior of the former Second World War civilian defence building in Edmonton was painted in a design to “reflect both the urban nature of the surrounding area and the natural environment”.

Enfield resident Liv Wright, a graduate of the Lewisham School of Muralism, along with fellow artists Al Leys and Amy Dolan, raised more than £2,435 via a crowdfunding appeal and were awarded an additional £4,915 from the Mayor of London’s ‘My London Borough of Culture’ programme, with the support of Enfield Council.

The artists spent three months engaging with local primary schools, the Friends of Pymmes Park group, Pymmes Park Age UK walking group, as well as residents, to reflect on their experiences of the park and to help develop ideas that could be adapted into the design of the mural.

The abstract mural takes the form of a pattern often used on ships – a nod to the building’s use in the war. But hidden among the bold shapes are silhouettes of animals that can be found in the park, images of the volunteers who helped paint the building, as well as the silhouette of an inquisitive dog who visited daily during the two-week project.

Liv said: “The aim of this mural is to make something beautiful, reinventing the space as something representative of the park, and the people that use it.”

Rick Jewell, the council’s cabinet member for environment, said: “The visitors’ centre at Pymmes Park has been given a new lease of life for the community and local residents. Liv, Al and Amy have done a fantastic job alongside volunteers and I hope the mural project prompts local people to take an interest in this beautiful park, which is such an important natural resource for the people of Edmonton.”

Brewers Enfield, a local decorating company, supported the project by supplying some free and discounted masonry paint.

LISTINGS

Submit your listing

We can include low-cost community events taking place in Enfield. For next month’s listings, email the details of your event to enfielddispatch@socialspider.com by **Monday 15th November**.

ART

Enfield Art Circle Online Exhibition
Throughout November
Online

We invite you to view this year’s online exhibition from Enfield Art Circle. We are comprised of local artists showing a variety of watercolours, acrylic and oils. A percentage of our sales will be donated to Enfield Young Carers.

Free online viewing
Visit enfieldartcircle.org

FIREWORKS

Enfield Town Fireworks
Saturday 6th November, 5pm–9pm
Town Park, Cecil Road EN2 6LE

After last year’s cancellation, Enfield Council’s annual fireworks display is returning to Town Park. Food and refreshments provided. The display starts at 7.30pm. Children under five can enter for free.

Entry £8 for adults, £5 children under 16, families £22
Visit dugdalecentre.co.uk/events/enfield-town-fireworks

JAZZ

English Jazz Orchestra
Sunday 7th November, 3pm
Chickenshed Theatre, 290 Chase Side, Southgate N14 4PE

The classic sound of big band is coming to Chickenshed for a special Sunday matinee performance. Come see English Jazz Orchestra live in concert with sounds and swinging hits from the songbooks of Sinatra, Tony Bennett, Basie, Bubl   and more.

Tickets £15 (£13 concession)
Visit chickenshed.org.uk/Event/swingin-at-the-shed

WEBINAR

Enterprise Enfield Business Webinar
Tuesday 9th November, 11am–12.30pm
Online

This is a Business for London webinar delivered by Enterprise Enfield for anyone thinking of starting a business. It will provide an overview of what’s involved in starting a business and include talks from two inspiring local business owners.

Free entry, booking required
Visit enterpriseenfield.org

BLUES

Connor Selby Band
Friday 12th November
The Southgate Club, 17 Chase Side, Southgate N14 5B

St Harmonica’s Blues Club presents Connor Selby, a rising British star in the traditions of Eric Clapton and Peter Green, who has already performed with his band at Wembley Stadium at the age of 22 and was the winner of the ‘Young Artist of the Year’ award in the 2020 and 2021 UK Blues Awards.

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Going back in Limes

On his tour of Enfield's best eateries, Neil Littman gets breakfast at a traditional English 'caff' with an international twist

In March 2020 I received a book for my birthday called *Breakfast London: Where Real Londoners Eat*. Written by Bianca Bridges, it features 120 places to eat in London. Three days later, we were in lockdown, and I wasn't able to try any of its recommendations – or even leave the house.

The book, good though it is, doesn't feature any venues beyond the boundaries of the North Circular, so allow me to rectify that now with one of my favourite borough breakfast spots!

Limes Cafe – or 'Limes Caff' as I prefer to call it – is located in a shopping parade on the most northern part of Green Lanes in Winchmore Hill and has been around since 1936. I have no idea what they were serving back then, but I have been going there since 2014 from which time they have been serving traditional

English breakfasts; egg and chips, kippers, smoked haddock, hash browns, thick slices of toast and tea in a mug.

In an effort to attract new customers, while retaining its loyal client base, Limes has been experimenting and expanding its menu and, for several weeks during the summer, offered menus with an international flavour, including Italian, Thai, Indian and Mexican. I visited Limes Cafe during both 'Thai Week' and 'American Week' and I'm glad I did.

During the latter, I forwent my usual plate of egg and chips and opted for popcorn chicken with spicy mayo, plus smokey corn on the cob with grilled parmesan (pictured, right). Also on offer were mac 'n' cheese and a range of 'loaded' or 'pulled' items.

As far as I could tell the food was authentic; I say this because, during my past visits to the USA, I never encountered any of



Limes Cafe has been a Winchmore Hill institution since 1936



these items on a menu! Perhaps I didn't travel far enough south to encounter them?

Either way, the results were impressive, and the chef told me about what inspired him to come up with such a different range of menus – but since I've run out

of words you will have to just go and ask him yourself!

Limes Cafe serves breakfast and lunch at £6-£12 per head, every day, and can be found at 884 Green Lanes, Winchmore Hill N21 2RS. For more information: Visit facebook.com/limescafelondon

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SOUTHGATE

MP slams Southgate tower blocks at planning inquiry

BY SIMON ALLIN,
LOCAL DEMOCRACY REPORTER

A DECISION IS DUE TO BE MADE on whether or not Enfield Council's rejection of the 17-storey Southgate Office Village development will be upheld.

During an inquiry that ended last month, a government planning inspector heard evidence from both opponents and proponents of the scheme following the appeal by developer Viewpoint Estates against last year's council planning committee decision to refuse planning permission for 216 new homes on the Chase Road site, which sits just outside Southgate Circus Conservation Area.

Enfield Southgate MP Bambos Charalambous told the inquiry: "The development proposed is

over-massing, out of keeping with the area, would have an adverse impact on local services, and would also contribute to problems with traffic in the area."

The Labour MP said he received a "significant number" of representations in opposition to the scheme from residents. He added: "Even though it is set back a bit down Chase Road, it would still dominate the skyline of the Southgate Circus area."

"For me, that would be incongruous with other developments – particularly the iconic Southgate Station, designed by Charles Holden in the 1920s and 30s."

The inquiry also heard from residents of Hillside Grove, who said they did not object to building homes on the site but criticised the scale of the scheme, which would overshadow their street.

A statement submitted to the inquiry by Christopher Young QC and fellow barrister Sioned Davies, representing the developer, claimed the scheme "accords with the [council's] development plan" for the area. They argued the existing office blocks at Southgate Office Village "have no architectural merit" and that harm caused to the conservation area by the proposed scheme would be "limited". They claimed the building designs were "of high quality and respond to the surrounding area to produce a dynamic and attractive skyline".

Their statement also referenced the council's failure to meet government housing targets and described the delivery of 67 affordable homes as "a key and substantial benefit".

A final verdict from the Planning Inspectorate is expected shortly.

CREWS HILL

Burial site earmarked for farmland



Sloeman's Farm in Whitewebbs Road is owned by Enfield Council
Credit Christine Matthews

A NEW CEMETARY IS SET TO BE created on Green Belt land to deal with a borough-wide shortage of burial space.

The 23-hectare site at Sloemans Farm, in Whitewebbs Road, would provide space for 38,000 single graves, subject to planning permission.

It comes amid a growing demand for burials and a lack of space within

the borough. Enfield Council provides an average of 350 burials per year, but that leaves 670 burials to take place outside of the borough or in private cemeteries. The council has increased the capacity at five existing cemeteries but faces limits to further expansions.

Under national planning policies, new cemeteries are considered

acceptable on Green Belt land. Councillors believe using the Sloemans Farm site means they can avoid developing land earmarked for recreational use in Winchmore Hill, where proposals for a crematorium at Firs Farm have caused controversy.

Leader Nesil Caliskan told a cabinet meeting last month: "Our assessment, through the draft Local Plan process, demonstrates that burial space need will continue to grow. We are not critical at the moment, like other London boroughs are, but because we are planning for the future we need to make sure we have additional burial space in the pipeline."

As well as providing burial space, a cabinet report stated that the cemetery would open up Green Belt land to residents, with the current fields separated by areas of planting, wetlands and wildlife habitat. The scheme would raise an expected £1.4million for the council, according to the report.

ENFIELD HIGHWAY

Restaurant murderer jailed

A MAN WHO MURDERED A 29-year-old man in a targeted shooting at a bagel restaurant in Hertford Road has been jailed for 27 years.

Khallid Hogan, 21, of Manor Court in Bulls Cross, had previously been convicted of murdering Abdullahi Mohamoud after a trial at the Old Bailey. The jury heard that on 19th March 2020 Abdullahi visited Bagel Brotherz and, as he waited for his food, Hogan walked in and

started firing a gun at him. Four shots missed Abdullahi, who fled through a back door, but as he was climbing a concrete wall Hogan shot him in the head. He died in hospital.

Detective Chief Inspector Claire Hine said: "Hogan carried out a cold-blooded and premeditated attack on Abdullahi. Thanks to the tireless and meticulous work of my team of detectives [...] he will spend a long time in prison."

EDMONTON GREEN

Pantry opened

A COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY has been opened at Edmonton Green Library by Enfield Council.

The pantry, aimed at tackling food poverty, offers food at discounted prices to residents facing food hardship to help them move away from a dependency on foodbanks.

Mary Maguire, cabinet member for finance and procurement,

said: "I'm pleased the first community pantry has opened its doors to residents in Edmonton, who are most in need of our help. The general ethos of a pantry is to give a hand up, not a handout."

The pantry is open Tuesdays 1–3pm and Wednesdays 10am–12pm and 1–3pm. For more information email thepantry@enfield.gov.uk.

COCKFOSTERS

Fun run cancelled

CANCER RESEARCH UK WAS forced to cancel a popular fun run because of the damage caused to Trent Park by a music festival.

The park's Grade 2-listed entrance gate in Cockfosters Road was hit by a lorry in August, prior to hosting 51st State Festival, and has been undergoing repairs. Race for Life was due to take place last month but was cancelled after the

charity was told its delivery vehicles could not use the gate.

Race for Life's event manager, Courtney Culverhouse, said: "Even if we had managed to get in, we felt we would have been trying to deliver a big event in a much smaller and damaged space."

A council spokesperson said: "We look forward to welcoming back Race for Life runners next year."

HADLEY WOOD

Station spruced up

HADLEY WOOD STATION HAS received a tidy up.

Teams from Network Rail and Great Northern working on the East Coast Main Line volunteered to remove weeds near the station and tidy up overgrown flowerbeds. It means Hadley Wood's community garden will be ready for new planting next year.

Andrew Chillingsworth from

Govia Thameslink Railway, which operates Great Northern, said: "It's great to see Network Rail and Great Northern working together to clear the overgrown community garden at Hadley Wood for our station partner, The Hadley Wood Association. We've also installed six information screens for customers as part of our station improvement programme."



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'Work to do' in tackling North Mid backlog

Boss of hospital trust speaks ahead of what's predicted to be a difficult winter for the NHS

BY SIMON ALLIN,
LOCAL DEMOCRACY REPORTER

Staff at North Mid are working hard to reverse a slowdown in non-Covid care and get back to pre-pandemic performance levels, according to the boss of the trust which runs the Edmonton hospital.

Dr Nnenna Osuji, the newly-appointed chief executive of North Middlesex University Hospital NHS Trust, said the organisation had "work to do" but, with a recovery plan in place, was making efforts to return to its 2019/20 "baseline".

A report published by the trust in August revealed that the proportion of patients waiting under 18 weeks to be treated, receiving a diagnostic test within six weeks, or starting their first treatment for cancer within 62 days of an urgent GP referral, had all dropped below national NHS targets.

This slowdown in care had come as staff were focused on treating Covid-19 patients during the first and second waves of the pandemic, creating a backlog for other treatments.

Speaking to the Local Democracy Reporting Service last month, Dr Osuji said: "We have work to do – I don't deny that. But we know where we have to focus, down to the level of the speciality. We have recovery plans in place.

"That is to do with the systems, the staffing, and our work with the community and primary care, to make sure we use the right assets, at the right place, at the right time."

To continue providing care for non-Covid patients during the pandemic, North Mid partnered with other organisations, including the North London Surgical Hub at Chase Farm Hospital in Enfield. It also rolled out mobile X-Ray, MRI and CT scans, and opened the 20-bed Captain Sir Tom Moore Centenary Ward to boost capacity.

At the peak of the first wave, North Mid had more than 250 coronavirus patients and, in the second wave, was at one time treating more than 300 people. Dr Osuji said the hospital was currently treating 32 inpatients with Covid-19, adding that although the numbers were "on paper, much more manageable" than during the first two waves of the pandemic, staff were continuing to test and monitor patients to stop the spread of the virus.

As winter approaches, coronavirus vaccination rates in Enfield are well below the England average. Dr Osuji said the trust had been "hugely involved" in the local campaign to encourage people to get vaccinated and stressed the importance of having conversations with local people so they can tackle "myths that need to be



Dr Nnenna Osuji was appointed chief executive of North Middlesex University Hospital NHS Trust six months ago

busted" and "misconceptions."

Dr Osuji explained: "Sometimes those conversations are better held by people who are not from a health background. We work with community leaders, including faith leaders, to make sure the right people are sharing the right messages."

The trust also has a flu vaccine campaign and more than 1,000 hospital staff received their jab within two weeks of it starting. The chief executive said North Mid was "bracing

for impact, and preparing" for winter, drawing up contingency planning around its staff and estates, and working with partner organisations to ensure plans are joined up and tested.

North Middlesex University Hospital NHS Trust, which is currently rated "requires improvement" by the health watchdog Care Quality Commission, has drawn up a "patient first" plan to improve care.

"We have recovery plans in place"

Dr Osuji said the trust's mission was to provide "outstanding care" for local people. She added: "[Patient first] is about how we focus our efforts on a select number of priorities that are key to improvement, and we bring our collective energies to deliver that, so it becomes less reactive, more strategic and more co-ordinated."

The chief executive stressed the importance of celebrating the achievements of staff as well as recognising where the trust needs to improve. It will focus on preventative measures and screening, picking up diseases early to ensure it is better able to address "the life expectancy discrepancy that hounds us from east to west".

Dr Osuji added: "The ambition has to be to raise the bar on health and narrow the gap in inequality, and I think that comes from working locally, with our council, our primary care, voluntary sector [and] mental health partners."

Move to boost 'low' vaccine uptake in parts of borough

Disparities between east and west of Enfield highlighted by health chief

BY SIMON ALLIN,
LOCAL DEMOCRACY REPORTER

The number of sites offering Covid-19 jabs in Enfield has been increased amid concerns over low uptake among some groups.

More GPs and pharmacies are now offering the jabs, as medics use technology and social media to reach groups in which the number of those vaccinated is below target.

During a meeting of the health and wellbeing board last month, Hetul Shah, Enfield's integrated care partnership clinical lead, revealed uptake remains low in Edmonton and the south-east of the borough, among the under 25s, and among Irish travellers and some black ethnic groups.

Dr Shah said: "We have increased the number of sites where we are offering

Covid jabs. Prior to the booster campaign rollout in the last month we had three GP vaccination sites, which has increased to four, and four pharmacy sites, which has doubled to eight. The majority of the increase is on the east of the borough [in] Hertford Road, which is great news."

Dr Shah admitted that access to vaccina-

tion sites was not the main factor behind the low uptake but added that having sites closer to people encourages them to have their jabs "in a timely fashion".

He told the meeting that medics were using technology to identify roads where vaccine uptake is very low and "much more social media to target certain communities".

Figures presented by Dr Shah during the meeting show vaccine uptake is highest in the north and west of the borough but lagging behind in the south and east. The percentage of those aged twelve and over who have received their first dose ranges

from 75.9% in Grange ward to just 53% in Upper Edmonton.

Dr Shah said the borough was doing "very well" in vaccinating the older population, but reaching the younger population was "increasingly difficult". The data show only 16% of 16 and 17-year-olds and 41% of 18 to 29-year-olds have had two doses of the vaccine, compared to more than 70% of those aged over 50.

Younger age groups also have the highest infection rate, with 220 cases per 100,000 people in the 0-29 age group during the week to 4th October. This compares to 181 per 100,000 among 30 to 59-year-olds and 92 in the 60+ age group.

Dr Shah added that uptake was "particularly low" among travellers and some black communities. Only 30% of the former group have received a first dose of the vaccine, while the figures range from 37% to 51% for black groups.

Overall in Enfield in mid-October, the percentage of people aged over twelve who had received both vaccine doses was 59%, compared with 70% across England.



Enfield's vaccination rate is now well below the national average Credit: NHS England

Mo Faal celebrates his equaliser against promotion rivals Worthing in October, a result which kept Enfield Town top of the Isthmian Premier Division Credit: Tom Scott



Big progress on and off pitch for the Towners

Andrew Warshaw on Enfield Town's latest sponsorship deal, plus a special anniversary for the club

Anyone who witnessed last month's official launch of Enfield Town's new youth section shirt sponsorship could not have been more impressed by the enthusiasm of Future, the company involved.

Scores of families attended a hugely successful evening, made even more so by the help of Tottenham Hotspur, which kindly agreed to send four of their under-23s side (two of them from Enfield) to support us on the night.

The evening included a kick-ups challenge, penalty shootout, crossbar challenge and raffle, with proceeds going to the Pink Ribbon Foundation for Breast Cancer Awareness month. The sight of so many youngsters on the pitch was a reminder of just how important this part of the club is in terms of building relationships with the local community.

Asked why his company chose Enfield Town, Michael Butcher,

Future's director of business development, revealed that rivals Cheshunt were also considered, but that ultimately Enfield was a better fit. He told the *Dispatch*: "With Cheshunt they were more of a commercial operation with a business mentality whereas the fan-owned aspect of Enfield was something that struck a chord with us. We've always wanted to get involved with a local football team and Enfield Town were the perfect partnership."

The feeling is definitely mutual. John Doyle, head of Enfield Town's youth section, said: "It gives us the opportunity to grow as well as try to bridge the gap between youth football and the senior set-up. I think Future was impressed by our community approach and how we want to give everyone a chance. We've never

been close to receiving this kind of sponsorship. They want to be more than just a name on the shirt. They want to be part of the club."

These are certainly exciting times on the pitch for the Towners as well, after their fast start to the league season. At time of going to press, Enfield topped the Isthmian Premier Division following an impressive run of form.

"We have established ourselves as one of the leading non-league teams at step three"

It's fitting then that Tuesday, 16th November will mark another big moment in the club's progress, as it will be exactly ten years since the club moved to QE2 Stadium. The occasion will be celebrated at the home game with Merstham four days later.

Enfield Town's life president

Roger Reed, who was vice-chairman at the time and was instrumental in getting the 99-year tenancy deal over the line, remembers it well. After a long Post Office career, Roger worked for the FA and part of his duties revolved around funding facility developments.

He told the *Dispatch*: "When we got the opportunity to move into the stadium, I was well-placed

to know exactly how to present our case with the football authorities.

"It wasn't just me. I worked in partnership

with Keith Wortley who was a structural engineer and knew the language of the builders and contractors.

"We had to compete with other bidding groups to be the anchor tenant. The stadium was derelict, even though it was a listed building, and had

to be totally revamped. But we were dying on our feet having to play at Brimsdown.

"I'd put together a brochure which demonstrated what we would do to develop the sport in the borough and I'd like to think we've more than delivered on that."

The first game in the new stadium was against Harefield United in the Middlesex Senior Cup. Roger recalled: "We didn't want to make too much of it as we didn't want too many people there since we didn't know how the ground would work.

"The one that really sticks in my mind was the official opening against a Spurs selection when we had the best part of 1,000 people there. It was a wonderful atmosphere and we won 2-1. The legacy now is that we have established ourselves as one of the leading non-league teams at step three [of non-league football] and we have a permanent home for the next 89 years."

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