

Valentines Matters

LABOUR SUCCESS AS CHRISTCHURCH SCHOOL EXPANDS

It has been agreed that Christchurch Primary will be Expanded to 5 forms of entry from 2012 helping more local families get a school place.

This is good news for Valentines ward residents, and follows a 2 year campaign by your local Labour Councillors. For too long we have seen local families suffer as their young children are forced to travel to school at the other end of the borough.



Expanding Christchurch was a Labour idea, which we

promised residents before being elected. If Labour had won control of Redbridge Council expansion would have happened immediately. Instead we have been forced to campaign as the Tories and LibDems sat on their hands for two years, whilst dozens of young people have been forced to travel miles to school. The Tory/LibDem Council even refused our calls to provide transport for those children with the longest journeys.

These extra local places are brilliant news, but why does it have to take so much campaigning effort to get this Council to move?

VALENTINES HIGH WINS FUNDING FOR NEW SCIENCE FACILITIES

We are very proud of Valentines High School, it has a very good reputation and produces amazing results for local pupils. However facilities could always be improved and thats why we are so pleased to hear Valentines has been successful in bidding for funding worth £122,590 for new science accommodation. This will provide 50 extra science places. The work will start at once on the new facilities. We hope that these facilities help all pupils to reach their full potential and wish all pupils well.



MANDY CAMPAIGNS ON TUBE DELAYS

Mandy Richards Labour's candidate for Redbridge and Havering at next years GLA Elections has spoken out about Tube delays.

On the day before Tory Mayor Boris Johnson announced huge

fare increases for Londoners it emerged in a report at City Hall that Tube delays are up 20%.

Mandy said' It is clear Boris is highly embarrassed by these figures. It is a known fact that in the year to Feb 2011 the Tube only operated a good service on all lines on one day!

We say 'Get a grip Boris'

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TORY LIB/DEM COUNCIL BACK DOWN ON PARKING STRATEGY AFTER WASTING OVER £70,000

Earlier this year Tory/LibDem Redbridge Council increased parking restrictions to apply from 7 a.m to 7 p.m. They also introduced charges on Sundays across the borough. This was done without any consultation.

These measures were driven by the need to make money, and not in the interests of local residents or shopkeepers. Following an extensive campaign from residents and Labour councillors the Tory/LibDem Cabinet has now backed down. We do not believe that the parking strategy should be driven by money.

Restrictions will now return to the old hours of 8.30 a.m. To 6.30 p.m. Monday to Saturday. Most Sunday charges will cease. However Sunday parking charges in Ilford Town Centre and surrounding area will remain

TRAFFIC CALMING AGREED FOR BRISBANE ROAD

Since being elected residents have complained to us that Brisbane Road is a major rat run. Far too many cars go too fast down a quiet residential road and speeding is a major problem. Over the years there have been a number of accidents especially involving speed at junctions., and others involving pedestrians and cyclists.

Your Councillors at the Labour led Area 7 Committee have now agreed to introduce traffic calming measures including speed humps, some tactile paving and dropped kerbs. Consultation will shortly begin with residents to decide the exact detail of the scheme

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