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Labour are letting our schools down



Lib Dem Cllr Liz Phillips raised concerns about the council's contractor Babcock, after it was revealed that almost 15% of our schools are now in special measures following their two years overseeing school improvement.

Labour's Cabinet member described the council's risk analysis programme for schools as 'a work in progress', and said

that the council's priority had been savings of £2m. from the contract.

Focus Team member Matt Lake says: "In Waltham Forest we are now on our fourth Labour cabinet member for Children's Services in just over two years. Perhaps if someone with a bit of experience had taken responsibility for more than a few months we wouldn't be in this situation."

R.I.P. Former Walthamstow councillor - Neal Chubb



Matt Lake, Sean Meiszner, Tulat Raja and the Liberal Democrats are mourning the sudden death of Neal Chubb. Known by very many people in Waltham Forest for his friendliness and good humour, Neal was a former councillor for Wood Street Ward, where he did an incredible amount of work for local residents, dealing with the problems raised passionately. Despite no longer being a councillor he continued to work tirelessly across Waltham Forest, and his influence on the Council will be sadly missed.

His passion for education led him to become a Governor at two local schools and Chair of the Council's School Appeals committee.

He was also a gifted artist.

Sean Meiszner says: "There was no one quite like Neal and we are all the poorer without him. His energy and his ability to ask the difficult questions will be greatly missed by all who knew and worked with him."

Frederick Bremer School



Frederick Bremer School is delighted with their GCSE results this year — overall results 52% A* to C including English and Maths — which shows continued improvement.

The following departments have achieved some significant results:

- Maths** – 76% A*-C, 19% A*-A
- Additional Science** – 80% A*-C
- Biology** – 100% A*-C
- Chemistry** – 95% A*-C
- Physics** – 100%
- Art** – 81% A*-C, 33% A*-A
- History** – 70% A*-C, 23% A*-A
- English Language** – 92% A*-C,
- English Literature** – 93% A*-C
- Drama** – 95% A*-C, 58% A*-A
- French** – 94% A*-C, 50% A*-A
- PE** – 79% A*-C, 12% A*-A
- ICT** – 100% A*-C, 64% A*-A

The most able students achieved very well, with almost 20% of every entry achieving an A*-A grade.

The Focus Team sends warmest congratulations to all the staff and students.

Waltham Forest Lib Dems slam Labour's 'boardroom'

A **Lib Dem councillor** uncovered the total cost of the new refurbishments at the Town Hall. A written answer revealed that the new reception area and what has been dubbed 'The Boardroom' by the council now totals £610,000.

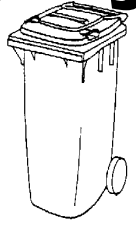
Tulat Raja, Chapel End Focus Team member, said:

'Whilst there was clearly some need for private meetings spaces for residents, these costs seem exorbitant. This new boardroom is no more than a vanity project so that Labour Cabinet members can sit there and pretend to be Alan Sugar.'

Labour claim that some of the costs will be recouped through renting it out, but doubtless it is the residents who will be shouldered with the lion's share of the bill.'



Refuse/Recycling Collections



Residents have complained to the **Focus Team** that the Council have not kept to their pledge to empty waste bins promptly, and had been waiting for several weeks. Let us know what the service is like in your road by completing and returning the survey at the foot of this page. **Focus Team member Sean Meiszner says:** "Focus has demanded that the Council maintains a reliable collection service from its contractors, so that our residents know when to put their bins out."

Liberal Democrat FOCUS Team keeping you informed

Meet Your Chapel End Focus Team



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Focus on the Internet

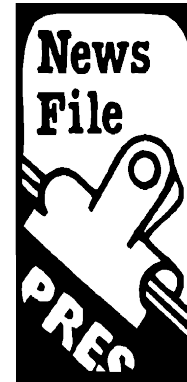
You can now contact your **Chapel End Focus Team** on the Internet at:

www.chapelendliberaldemocrats.focusteam.org.uk

www.walthamforestlibdems.mycouncillor.org.uk

We will keep you in touch with all the latest news and information

Planning News: Hale End Road Sports Ground



Arsenal Football Club has lodged an application to demolish the existing pavilion, and erect a two storey facilities building and a two storey maintenance store building. Plus the

extension and rearrangement of the car parking area.

Full details can be found on the council's Planning Explorer by quoting reference **2012/1317**.

We want to hear from YOU

Name _____
 Address _____
 Tel/Email _____

I think something should be done about ...

Please return to THE FOCUS TEAM, 3 PALMERSTON ROAD, E17 6PQ

The Liberal Democrats may contact you from time to time to keep you informed on issues we think you may find of interest. Please let us know if you do not wish the information above to be used for this purpose.

Refuse/Recycling Survey

What do you think of our council's service?

	Good	OK	Poor
Black Bin - general waste	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
RECYCLING			
Green Bin - tins/paper etc.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Brown bin - garden/food	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Any other comments:

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