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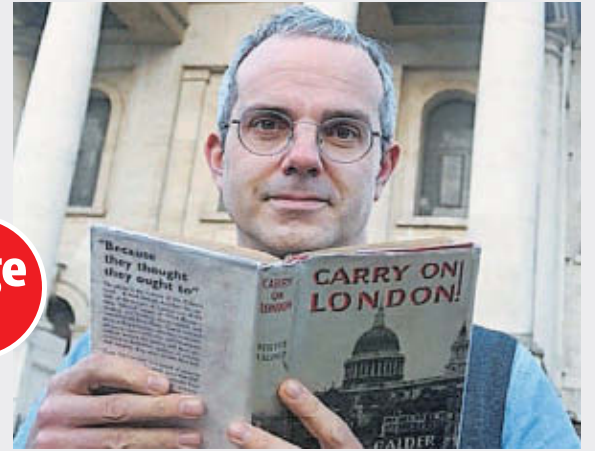
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Mayor vote is a step closer

A petition aimed at forcing a referendum on how Newham is governed has been signed by more than 12,000 people and could trigger a vote.

A total of 12,422 signatures were collected by campaign group Democracy Newham which wants a public vote on whether to keep the directly elected mayor model.

Campaigners handed the so-called People's Petition to the council on Friday, September 18.

Mayor of Newham, Rokhsana Fiaz, pledged to hold a public vote on how Newham is governed in her manifesto ahead of her win at the local elections in 2018.

The campaigners want a referendum held at the soonest election, which would likely be the London mayoral vote in May.

The campaign expects the ballot to include the current directly elected mayor model and the leader and cabinet alternative.

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Campaigners say the directly elected mayor model puts too much power in one person's hands whereas the cabinet and leader model allows for a vote of no confidence.

A similar move against former Newham mayor Sir Robin Wales faltered in 2016.

"The more people are involved in decision-making, the better," the campaigner said.

Democracy Newham launched the petition after councillors voted unanimously in favour of changing the date of the promised ballot from the same day as the London mayoral election.

That mayoral vote had been due on May 7 this year but was postponed because of the coronavirus pandemic.

A referendum date between June 2020 and May 2021 was given as a possible alternative.

The handing in of the petition follows on the heels of an overview and scrutiny meeting last week where members heard that putting an option of directly elected mayor with term limits on the ballot would need parliamentary approval.

"That would take two or three years. The two terms model is not tried and tested," the campaigner said.

He warned that the council could try and put it on the ballot to push the referendum further down the road, leading to four more years of the directly elected mayor model.

The mayor said in August: "My position on the issue of the future governance of Newham remains fully committed to holding a ballot on Newham's future governance."

Teaching talent recognised



New City Primary teacher and award-winner Josh Freeland with headteacher Caroline Stone

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Railways owner withdraws its objections to planned live entertainment Sphere in Stratford

Network Rail has withdrawn its objections to a huge live music and entertainment hub in Stratford.

After discussions with Madison Square Garden Entertainment Corporation, the railways owner has said its objections can be removed, subject to confirmation of planning conditions and Section 106 obligations.

It had raised concerns about safety at Stratford station as well as the impact on drivers of glare from ads and notices displayed on the dome shaped MSG Sphere's illuminated surface.

The news came as MSG Entertainment submitted more reports, requested by the London Legacy Development Corporation – the planning authority which will decide on whether or not the scheme goes ahead.

Jayne McGivern, executive vice president of development and construction at MSG Entertainment, said: "We are pleased to provide additional details in support of our planning application for MSG Sphere, underlining our commitment to create jobs and boost the local economy."

"The materials reflect the constructive dialogue we have had with a range of stakeholders, and further demonstrate the careful consideration that has

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gone into every aspect of our plans.

"We are confident our proposal thoughtfully sets out how we will deliver a world-class venue, and remain excited about the opportunity to bring MSG Sphere to London."

MSG Entertainment has presented a number of voluntary conditions for planning committee members to consider. They follow feedback on the scheme from LLDC and the community, MSG has said.

The conditions include limits on MSG Sphere's operating hours, event timings and the external display, including restrictions on overnight lighting.

There are also extra measures to co-ordinate event arrival and departure times for visitors to the sphere and neighbouring venues, including London Stadium.

The submission includes a proposal to provide 111 blue badge parking spaces at Stratford International Station with a free mobility assistance service to the venue.

A further round of public consultations is due to follow. A date has not yet been set to determine the bid.



Above:
A computer-generated image of the proposed MSG Sphere in Stratford

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Left:
CGI of the proposed MSG Sphere

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South Hallsville School in Canning Town was destroyed on September 8/9, 1940, killing 600 sheltering during German air-raid
Picture: CHRISTOPHER LLOYD (EAST END AT WAR)

Blitz tragedy in which 600 died while they sheltered in school explored in BBC series

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The little-known tragedy of a wartime bomb that never exploded - yet had a "ripple effect" causing 600 deaths in a Canning Town school - was uncovered in a BBC documentary this week.

Painstaking research has revealed the disaster on the 80th anniversary of the South Hallsville School incident when men, women and children perished as they sheltering during the Blitz.

Eight decades on, a series of BBC2 documentary reports begins with families having to be evacuated when the bomb lands on Martindale Road in East Ham.

It fails to go off, so the people are led "for safety" to Canning Town to wait at the school for buses to evacuate them to the safety of the countryside.

But the buses never turn up - the people are left stranded.

Fleet Street reporter Richard Calder meets the families put up in cramped



Gideon Calder at Spitalfields with his uncle Richard Calder's wartime book, Carry on London
Picture: MIKE BROOKE

conditions at the school and writes in the Daily Herald that "there's going to be a disaster unless something is done". His prophesy comes true the very next day when the school gets a direct hit during another air-raid, killing everyone sheltering there.

"It puts Calder on the warpath as a campaigning social journalist," BBC producer Tim Kirby said. "Calder comes across

Mickey Davis's public shelter in Spitalfields in his investigation and sees the outline of what we later come to call the welfare state."

Researchers have since traced Calder's grandson, university lecturer Gideon Calder, and Mickey Davis's nephew, East London Advertiser journalist Mike Brooke, who were both interviewed for the documentary in 2017 at Spitalfields Church.

Gideon said after the filming: "My uncle looked at what people were doing in their everyday lives and community leaders like Mickey Davis trying to feed them and run the air-raid shelters."

"We still live largely in the world created on the back of the Second World War - more caring, where something like the NHS is absolutely vital."

The South Hallsville tragedy triggered a chain of events that led to a government policy change into how to deal with mass homelessness caused by the air-raids.

Tuesday's 7pm episode was the first in the four-part BBC2 series, Blitz: The Bombs That Changed Britain.



East Ham's trolleybus depot was wrecked in September 1940 in the same air-raid that hit South Hallsville School
Picture: METROPOLITAN ARCHIVE



Mickey Davis, known as 'the midget with a big heart', running the wartime air-raid shelter at Spitalfields Market
Picture: TOWER HAMLETS ARCHIVE



Mickey Davis's air-raid shelter under Fruit & Wool Exchange at Spitalfields Market during the London Blitz
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New City Primary teacher Josh Freeland and headteacher Caroline Stone and The Boleyn Trust chief executive Tom Canning were all smiles after their Pearson national teaching silver awards

Picture: THE BOLEYN TRUST

Teachers, sports academy, school and trust all win national teaching awards

Two teachers, a school, a trust and a sports team in the borough have received national education awards.

Special educational needs and disabilities co-ordinator Helen Harris and her East Ham school Kensington Primary, Joshua Freeland at New City Primary in Plaistow, The Boleyn Trust and Newham Sixth Form College (NewVic)'s sports academy team each won silver in the Pearson National Teaching Awards.

They were selected from thousands of nominations to be among 76 silver award winners across 14 categories nationally.

Mrs Harris was recognised in the excellence in special needs education category, while Kensington was one of four recipients for primary school of the year.

Paul Harris, chief executive of The Tapscott Learning Trust – which includes Kensington Primary – said: “This award is testament to their incredible team

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and community work – everyone has played their part and they couldn't deserve it more.

“I was also delighted that Mrs Harris has been recognised for her exceptional work to make learning inclusive for all children both at Kensington and throughout the trust.”

Mr Freeland was honoured in the primary school teacher of the year category, while The Boleyn Trust – which includes New City – was recognised for impact through partnership.

Trust CEO Tom Canning said: “The Boleyn Trust has a strong moral purpose to support schools in challenging circumstances.

“Josh Freeland and New City Primary School are central to our commitment to excellence.

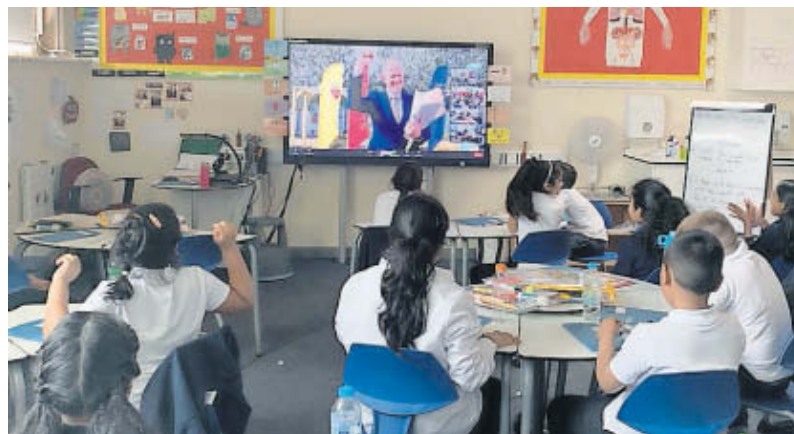
“Josh is an outstanding teacher who represents the very best of our profession.”

NewVic's sports academy won silver in the further education team of the year category.

Former sports academy manager Beth Harris said: “They have all worked incredibly hard to push boundaries, to not take no for an answer, to make sure we have ample opportunities for every young person in the college to develop.”

Chair of governors Martin Rosner added: “NewVic do the very best they can for students to help overcome some of the disadvantages that they face through sports.”

Silver winners are finalists for the respective gold awards, which will be announced next month at an event broadcast by BBC.



Headteacher Ben Levinson celebrates Kensington Primary School's silver award with pupils via Zoom

Picture: TAPSCOTT LEARNING TRUST

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Charity

A charity has provided the families of autistic children in Newham with home isolation kits, thanks to funding support.

Resources for Autism, which provides practical services for children and adults with autism, received a grant from the Tesco Bags of Help programme to supply the kits during the

pandemic. They contain expert information and behaviour support guidance, along with sensory items like chewy tubes, toys and books.

Resources for Autism chief executive Dolyanna Mordochai said: “For someone on the autistic spectrum, changes to their routine caused by the pandemic can be paralysing and

trigger so much anxiety.

“Families we work with were clearly under strain with the closure of schools, and their loved ones often were experiencing distress.

“So many of them reported that receiving those packs gave them hope and encouragement when things were close to despair.”



Carefully selected books were among the sensory items included in the packs

Picture: TESCO

Law change needed if limits to mayor's terms voted on

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A change in the law is required if a public vote on how Newham is governed is to include an option on limiting the number of terms a mayor can serve.

That is the message members of the town hall's overview and scrutiny committee heard at a meeting on September 15.

Councillors met a panel of experts to discuss recommendations from an independent Democracy and Civic Participation Commission, which was set up in 2019 in part to consider how the borough is governed.

One recommendation was the application of a two-term limit to the role of executive mayor.

In her 2018 election manifesto, Newham mayor Rokhsana Fiaz pledged to hold a public vote on the existing directly elected mayor model before the end of 2021. However, Professor Nick



Newham Mayor Rokhsana Fiaz

Picture: R FIAZ

Pearce – who chaired the commission – told members that adding the option of a two-term limit to a referendum ballot would require a change in statute or legislation.

Professor Pearce explained: “At the moment, you have to have the existing system on a referendum. The model we propose does not yet exist in statute [law].”

“If you want term limits backed by statute, Parliament would have to give you a statutory instrument for that to go on the ballot.”

He added there may be time to get a statutory instrument

through Parliament, but if not the ballot would have to include the existing mayoral model versus another alternative, such as the leader and cabinet model.

A statutory instrument allows a law to be changed or brought into force without MPs having to pass a new Act of Parliament.

The commission's report states the two-term limit could be introduced without a referendum and backing by law, but that would not be consistent with Ms Fiaz's manifesto pledge.

Ms Fiaz revealed in the meeting that the issue of how Newham is governed became a “fault line” issue which had become a “distraction” and had led to a “polarising” debate in the local Labour Party.

“It's important for me to put forward a manifesto commitment to address this fault line issue,” she said.

She pledged a referendum would take place with an alternative governance model put forward to the people of Newham.

Macmillan Cancer Support



Newham Hospital's Macmillan information and support manager, Colsum Akanjee-Khan, and support worker Michelle Ramrachia

Picture: MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

Staff at Newham Hospital have teamed up with a baker to help raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Support.

Boxes of premium cupcakes baked by Cakes by KZ can be ordered, and collected on September 25 – or donated to patients – from the Macmillan Cancer Support Centre at the hospital. A luxury hamper can also be won in a prize draw.

More than £36,000 was raised by Macmillan coffee mornings in Newham last year, but sign-ups are down 76pc across London this year.

The hospital's Macmillan information and support manager, Colsum Akanjee-Khan, said: “We put our heads together to think of a safe way to celebrate coffee morning for people who want to support the event and who visit or work at the hospital.”

“We wanted to do our bit and get involved, particularly as so many people have assumed it's not taking place this year due to the coronavirus crisis.”

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‘It’s your right’: Young people among those urged to register to vote and be heard

Young people are among those urged to register to vote as part of a week-long campaign to increase voter numbers.

Youngsters, renters, black, Asian and ethnic minorities from across Newham and the rest of the capital are being called on to get their voices heard and register to exercise their right.

More than 20 per cent of people eligible to vote were not registered to do so in the borough in 2017, according to a 2019 Cabinet Office report.

This week’s push seeks to improve voter numbers among groups identified as being under-represented in the campaign

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backed by City Hall and the political literacy organisation Shout Out UK.

TV host Aaron Roach Bridgeman, who supports Shout Out UK, said: “The only way to positively contribute and impact your future as a young person is to have your voice, opinion and perspective heard on both a local and national level via our right and entitlement to vote.

“Register and be heard. You are the future, so it’s your right to be part of shaping it.”



Young people are among those being urged to register to vote

Picture: RUI VIEIRA/PA ARCHIVE/PA IMAGES

London has one of the lowest voter registration rates in the UK, according to the Cabinet Office.

One in three young Londoners are not registered to vote, a 2019 study by the Greater London Authority shows.

A total of 83pc of Londoners from a black ethnic background are registered, compared to 94pc of eligible white British Londoners.

In total, 85pc of social renters and 86pc of private renters are registered to vote, compared to 93pc of homeowners.

Among its benefits, registering to vote can impact people’s credit rating and ensure juries are diverse.

Matteo Bergamini, who founded Shout Out UK when he was 22, said: “As a Londoner, the pride I have in my city is in the diverse voices we have.

“So we at Shout Out UK couldn’t be more excited to be the delivery partner for the Greater London Authority’s London Voter Registration Week 2020.”

The week is being run with the help of the London Voter Registration Strategic Partnership which is made up of statutory bodies including the Electoral Commission and civil society organisations from across the capital.



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Every pupil and staff member at Oasis Academy Silvertown will get an iPad as part of the Oasis Horizons project Picture: OASIS COMMUNITY LEARNING

School giving all pupils an iPad to ease inequalities in online learning

Every pupil and staff member at one secondary school is set to receive an iPad to help make online learning accessible to everyone.

Oasis Academy Silvertown is distributing more than 380 iPads with rugged keyboard cases in an initiative designed to address inequalities that exist outside school.

Oasis Horizons will be rolled out to all 52 schools within the academy chain over the next year, with more than 30,000 devices being delivered in total.

Oasis Community Learning’s regional director for London & south east secondary academies, Louise Lee, said: “Staff and students at Oasis Academy Silvertown are delighted to be part of this exciting project that provides new opportunities for every one of our young people from Year 7 to Year 11.

“We are all incredibly passionate about all of our students having the opportunities that they deserve to make great progress.

“We are always looking for ways to continue innovating and the iPads are the next piece of the jigsaw, making online learning accessible to everyone, whether that is inside or outside of the academy.”

Every pupil will be taught how to make the most of their device and how to look after it.

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If an iPad is reported missing, it can be locked remotely and have its location tracked.

Oasis Community Learning chief executive officer John Murphy said: “We want to take a step forward in our offer to our young people to ensure we address inequality that exists outside of the classroom, and so that everyone has the opportunities that they are entitled to.

“Oasis Horizons will provide every student access to online learning wherever they are; it will enable their families to support them with their learning.

“Familiarity with devices such as this will also prepare them for their next steps, be that further education or a fulfilling and aspirational career.”

He added: “Oasis Horizons will empower our staff to teach in new and exciting ways and to work more efficiently, reducing the time taken to do important activities like marking and freeing up that time to support their students.”

The project is a collaboration between Oasis Community Learning and Apple authorised education specialist Sync.

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The following is a list of planning applications in the Borough advertised under Article 13 of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 and in accordance with all other relevant statutory requirements arising pursuant to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) and the Planning (Listed Building and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 and the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2015 (as amended) and The Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017. These applications can be viewed or on line at www.newham.gov.uk/pa where you will also be able to view the plans and other documents relating to this application as well as send us your views.

Adjoining Conservation Areas;
LOCATION:
7 Flint Close
Stratford
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E15 4QP
Construction of a single storey rear extension, loft conversion with rear dormer and conversion of existing 6-bedroom Class C4 HMO into Sui Generis HMO (Application site is adjoining The University Conservation Area)
OFFICER: Scott Stevens
Ref: 20/01763/FUL

Adjoining Conservation Areas;
LOCATION:
6 Flint Close
Stratford
London
E15 4QP
Construction of a single storey rear extension, loft conversion with rear dormer and conversion of existing 6-bedroom Class C4 HMO into Sui Generis HMO (Application site is adjoining The University Conservation Area)
OFFICER: Scott Stevens
Ref: 20/01766/FUL

Affecting Conservation Areas;
LOCATION:
86 Durham Road
Manor Park
London
E12 5AX
Replacing mosaic tiled path (like for like) and general external painting and landscaping (Application site is located within Durham Road - Manor Park Village Tenants Association Conservation Area).
OFFICER: Jo Johnson
Ref: 20/01982/FUL

Departure from Development Plan
Other Major Apps;
LOCATION:
Land East Of Sainsburys
Claps Gate Lane
Beckton
London
E6 6JF
Erection of a self-storage building (Use Class B8) (8,832sqm) and an industrial building to flexibly accommodate Use Classes E/B2/B8 (3,331sqm), with associated cycle/refuse storage, landscaping, car parking and new vehicular accesses.
This application is a Departure

from The Development Plan
OFFICER: Lauren Annison
Ref: 20/01864/FUL

Affecting Conservation Areas;
LOCATION:
The Church Of God
37 Manor Park Road
Manor Park
London
E12 5AB
3 x Sycamore Trees - to fell to ground level at the rear garden. (These trees are located in Durham Road Conservation Area)
OFFICER: Justyna Giermek
Ref: 20/01927/TCA

Affecting Conservation Areas;
LOCATION:
140 Claremont Road
Forest Gate
London
E7 0PX
Construction of a rear conservatory and alterations to the windows on the front elevation. This application is affecting the setting of the Woodgrange conservation area.
OFFICER: Avigayil Fishburn
Ref: 20/02001/HH

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NEWS

Upcoming season of online dance participation programmes for young people and the over-65s

A dance organisation in Stratford has announced its upcoming season of online programmes promoting participation.

The programmes by East London Dance include: dance and resilience training for young people and over 65s; hands-on production and personal development coaching for the next generation of dance creatives; and a “festival” showcasing emerging artists.

With limited access to arts engagement because of the Covid-19 pandemic, East London Dance

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built on its existing offerings with a new digital programme.

Between May and August, almost 100 young people from the borough attended online dance, coaching and wellbeing sessions across various East London Dance programmes funded by HeadStart Newham and the council’s enrichment grants.

Programme director Molly



An On the Move class run by East London Dance

Picture: CHRIS O'DONOVAN

Sanders said: “Following a hugely successful summer of consistent engagement with our online activity, which saw 1,238 unique attendances across 94 online sessions, East London Dance will build on its digital learning and continue to engage the community most at need with an expanded offer of online activity.

“This will range from dance and coaching sessions that build resilience and strengthen mental health and wellbeing in children aged nine to 18, to sessions that keep over-65s active and feeling

connected to their community.”

The upcoming autumn programme includes weekly On The Move dance and coaching sessions, which are designed to help young people build and strengthen resilience to support their physical and mental wellbeing.

From October 5, the online sessions will enable greater access reaching young people where they are, including areas where in-person sessions have not always been available in the past.

It will also launch sessions aimed

specifically at boys as well as young people with special educational needs, both of which are underrepresented groups in dance related activity in Newham.

East London Dance’s over-65s group Leap of Faith will meet online each week to devise the next iteration of a work they created earlier this year.

The final film will feature in Protein Dance Company’s 21st anniversary celebrations.

Visit www.eastlondondance.org for more information about all the online programmes.

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Flexible return to work in a safe environment is good for us all

FOR THE past six months employers and employees have been adapting to ways of working from home.

The green light has now been given to many people to go back to offices safely.

From flexible hours and staggered starting times to deep cleaning, we're getting ready for new ways of working.

With many across England now offered the opportunity to return to their place of work, employers have introduced a raft of measures

to help ensure the safety of their staff. From social distancing to hand sanitising, new requirements are extensive and stringent, designed to put all returning workers at ease.

So, with the knowledge that everything possible is being done to keep work spaces COVID-19 secure, employees can choose to embrace the perks of office life once again while still feeling safe.

Much missed personal interactions, creative team building and bonding ... for many of us, office work has a lot going for it.

Working safely checklist

■ Review your start time: if your commute involves travelling on public transport during rush hours, ask your employer if you can start earlier or later to avoid crowds.

■ Change travel arrangements: You can walk or cycle to work to avoid public transport, or get off public transport a few stops earlier, minimising time you spend in close proximity to others for safer commuting.

■ Wear a mask: face coverings that cover your nose and mouth are currently compulsory for most adults travelling on public transport or by taxi, carrying a spare is recommended.

■ Carry hand sanitiser: while you are unlikely to find yourself far from a hand sanitising station, it's a good idea to have your own supply, when eating lunch off-site for instance.



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■ Keeping a two-metre distance: with desks spaced at least two metres apart, reminders displayed and floor markings in areas where queuing is common, such as canteens or toilets, remaining a safe distance from your colleagues throughout the working day should be a simple adjustment.

■ Limiting numbers: the size of the office and number of staff will dictate how many workers are allowed in at any one time and, where face to face meetings are unavoidable, attendees will be reduced to ensure social distancing is maintained, while access to communal areas such as kitchens will be limited.

■ Office cleaning: offices will be cleaned thoroughly prior to opening and regularly thereafter. Desk-tops and work surfaces will be subject to regular cleaning

with desk-clearing encouraged after each shift.

■ Hand sanitising: individual hand sanitisers may be placed on each desk and/or sanitising stations installed. Signs will be displayed reminding employees to hand-wash for 20 seconds, not to touch their faces and use tissues if coughing or sneezing.

■ Implementing NHS Test and Trace: if your workplace experiences high visitor volumes, it is likely your company will ensure all entrants provide NHS Test and Trace data including contact details, ensuring in the event of a visitor or staff member contracting COVID-19, all those they came into contact with can be informed and advised to self-isolate.

For more information visit gov.uk/check-how-to-return-to-work-safely

Great mix of working from home and in the office

SAFE, FLEXIBLE return to work has fast become a firm favourite among staff at one consultancy company.

CEO Jennifer Crowther has spent recent months consulting with her staff on going back into the office.

Hand sanitiser has been placed on each employee's socially-distanced desk while hand-washing stations have been installed.

Visor-wearing staff meet clients outside. An office cleaning routine has become the norm.

"I did not impose a back-to-the-office regime. We have a schedule, we know who is in and when. If they want to come in outside of the schedule, they can."

Business support key worker Emma Ward said: "It is good for our mental health to have people

around us and see real people rather than just on a screen." Finance assistant Holly Ford enthused: "I have really liked coming back. I have missed everybody. They feel like my family".

Yorkshire In Business chief Jennifer continued: "We are looking at adopting a four-day week in the office as the business thrives and we offer a better life-work balance."



FROM A DISTANCE: Yorkshire In Business CEO Jennifer Crowther with safely socially distanced staff Joanne Greenwood, Tracie Marson, Holly Ford, Emma Jane Ward and Gail Wilks.

Working safely

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'We have a lot of expectations when going off to university'

Joelinne did her A-levels in English language and literature, geography and government and politics at NewVic in Newham. She then went on to an undergraduate degree at Essex University doing a BA in International Relations. Here, she talks about student life at university and NewVic.

What made you choose NewVic?

Mainly because of the massive range of enrichment activities, both academic and sports related.

I really liked the teachers I had met when visiting the college open day and I was living locally which meant I had more time to spend at the college and get involved in as many of these activities as possible.

I also didn't have to worry about long journeys early in the morning or after college.

What is your advice for students considering NewVic?

Take advantage of all that NewVic has to offer.

While at NewVic, I was involved in the Student Council, Student Union, Model United Nations, the Student Ambassador Programme, volleyball team and was a member of the Here Come The Girls Ambassador Programme.

Go to the open days, even if it's online, to make sure you know what the college has to offer.

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NewVic alumni Joelinne reflects on her first year at university after completing her A-levels at the sixth form college in Newham

your life for you and you don't want to regret it.

Tell us about your first year at university?

I moved out of my home and was excited about living alone and being independent. I expected to cook decent meals as much as possible, to always remember to do my laundry and tidy my room at all times.

Obviously, this did not always happen.

I cooked a lot at the beginning but by the second term I never had the time or just didn't want to and would just eat out, which is not always cheap.

The student accommodation I was staying in was decent but expensive. I had an ensuite bedroom with a shared kitchen and communal area with six other students.

My first year at university had been great until the pandemic struck.

The university kept us informed



Former New Vic student Joelinne (right) with her school friends.



Members of the New Vic Student Union, including Joelinne.

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with changes that were happening around campus from the beginning which was very helpful.

Everything moved online. I chose some really interesting modules to get stuck into and I also moved back home to be with my family.

Overall, my first year was truly a journey of discoveries. I thought I'd have lots of free time to go out with new friends and join seven different societies and do some sports!

I guess we have a lot of expectations when going off to university, and although not all of these expectations can be met, some things do exceed them.

What are your tips on surviving the first year of university?

Do the readings the professors give you.

It is the one advice I can give to

anyone in terms of university work.

You'll find that you do understand what the lecturer is talking about which will enable you to participate in discussions and seminars. Your assignments and exams will be easier to do and revise for, and remember that exams come around, there is no time to catch up on an entire semester.

Make time for yourself to relax and have fun with friends especially if you are living on campus; get to know others who are just like you.

Try and keep to a routine, join a society or a sports team and go to social events (particularly at the start of university) and not just parties and drinking events.

Remember to keep busy - do your university work and have fun. The whole experience counts.

So what's next?

My career goal is to reach the UN economic, social and development department, so after my degree, I plan to do a Masters in International Economic Development at either UCL or LSE.

Read more student stories at newvic.ac.uk



Joelinne went on to study at Essex.



Joelinne and fellow New Vic student ambassadors.

Funding boost for project that runs refuges for victims of domestic abuse

An organisation in Plaistow supporting black and minority ethnic women and girls has received a government funding boost.

The London Black Women's Project (LBWP) is one of 25 charities that will share in £1 million from the government's emergency fund to support domestic abuse victims and their families during the pandemic.

LBWP works to protect, promote and develop the rights and resources of women and children affected by all forms of violence and abuse.

It provides specialist refuge accommodation as well as counselling and a free legal service, including support for migrant women and advocacy and advice.

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The organisation runs four refuges across the borough, offering 29 bed spaces.

The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government's emergency funding has enabled LBWP to add 16 new spaces in the borough as well as open a refuge in Haringey, which has four places.

Minister for rough sleeping and housing Kelly Tolhurst, who announced the funding on September 16, said: "Our £10m Covid-19 emergency support fund is providing the support needed so that services can meet additional pressures during the pandemic."



Campaigners for the London Black Women's Project at a protest around the future of its refuges

Picture: VICKI COUCHMAN

"We will continue to engage with the sector to ensure victims and their children can access support including ensuring that councils provide safe accommodation for those that need it."

The government says this emergency funding will support the providers facing the most difficulties during the pandemic

and will help to provide more than 1,500 new beds as well as re-open 344 spaces.

The fund, which was announced on May 7 to keep services running during the pandemic, has provided support to 166 charities and service providers across the country.

Applications from specialist service providers who support

diverse groups, like LBWP, were given extra weight.

It is part of a wider £76m package of government support for the most vulnerable in society during the pandemic.

The Domestic Abuse Bill, currently before Parliament, places a new duty on councils to provide safe accommodation for victims and their children.

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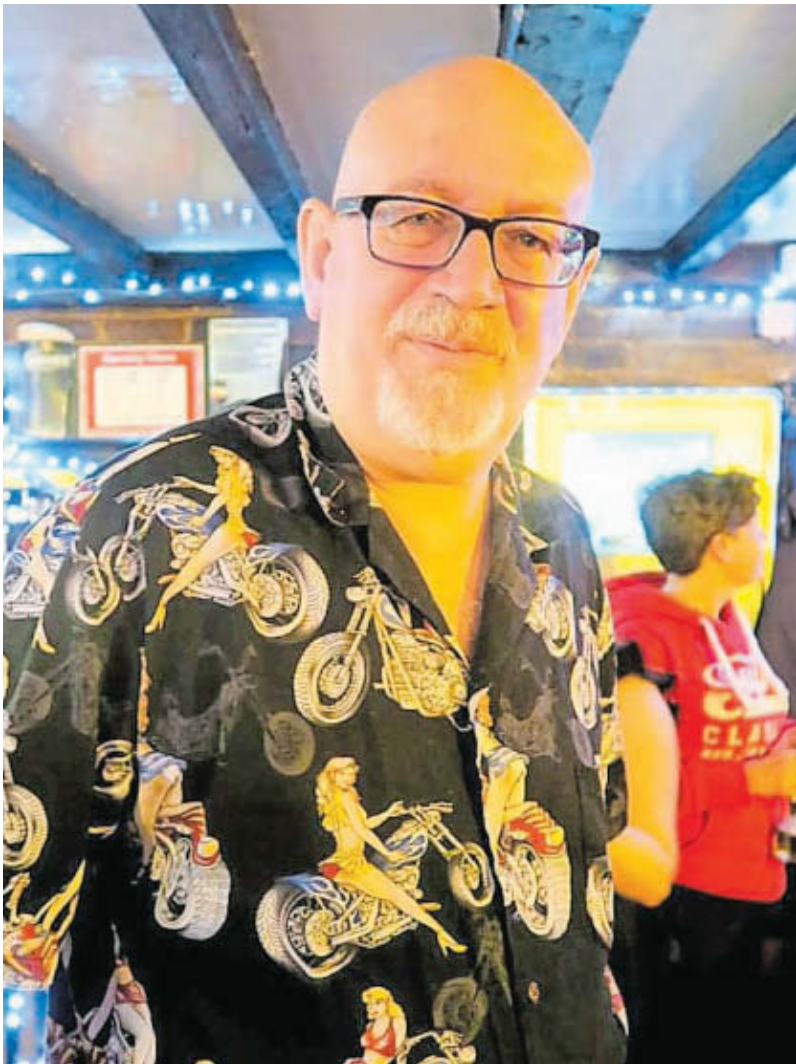


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OBITUARY



Iain Hale taught at Lister for 32 years
Picture: LESLEY HALE

‘A solid rock of support’:
Tribute to teacher and union
secretary who died aged 59

Tributes have been paid to a teacher and trade unionist who died suddenly last week aged 59.

Iain Hale, joint secretary of Newham District of the National Education Union, was born in Newham and went to Rokeby School.

He taught at Lister school for 32 years, and was hugely liked and respected by students and colleagues.

In the local teachers union, then the NUT, he was health and safety officer for many years, being well-known for his expertise in the borough and beyond.

Iain was elected Newham’s NUT assistant secretary and more recently became full time joint secretary, as the NUT became the NEU.

He worked with people from all sides and views. He was a governor at Plaistow Primary

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School for many years. He gained respect for his knowledge and commitment from union members, heads, governors, and local authority personnel.

Iain always put the union and its members first.

Countless union members have benefited from his representing them, in individual casework and in collective disputes.

He was also London regional treasurer.

NEU officers, executive members and other London secretaries remember him taking responsibility, often for thankless tasks, and tackling them with good humour and efficiency.

In Newham, Iain was a constant support on NEU picket lines – in recent times during the anti-

academisation strikes and the sixth form college strike days.

As he approached retirement, he focused on building the capacity of younger members to step up.

Successful in this, he had promised to continue to support these new officers with his knowledge and experience. And he was to continue as a union officer in the treasurer’s role.

Those of us privileged to have known Iain and worked with him will miss him badly.

His warmth, humour, and generosity, his reliability and kindness. He was a solid rock of support. He always found time to talk to you and to help.

At the point where he could enjoy retirement, he had only one week free of care. He was going to join family at his local, The Black Lion, the week of his death.

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First-time buyers snapping up flats available at new Beckton housing development

The first homes at a new development in Beckton have almost sold out after a post-lockdown surge in demand, the developer says.

All but one of the 58 homes in Central Square, the first block of apartments being built at Beckton Parkside, have now been purchased off-plan. The development, which is located off Viking Gardens and next to Beckton District Park, will have a total 391 apartments, including 281 for private sale and 110 affordable homes for rent or shared ownership. Construction work on Central Square is progressing well, and

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the first apartments are due to completed by the end of this year. As part of the project, developer Bellway London is providing £65,000 towards improvements at Beckton District Park. Bellway London sales director Emma Hamlett said: "Last year, a report by the lender Proportunity identified Newham as having one of the most resilient housing markets in the capital, and that has certainly been borne out by the sustained level of demand we



A computer-generated image of the Beckton Parkside development

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have seen at this development. "With an average of seven sales taking place per month, despite the lockdown, and several enquiries already being made about future phases of the development, it's clear that Beckton Parkside is ticking a lot of boxes for housebuyers." Each of the apartments at Beckton Parkside will have a balcony or terrace space. Residents will have access to central courtyards, landscaped

gardens and play areas within the site and there will be 741 secure cycle spaces. Ms Hamlett said with apartments priced below £300,000, the majority of purchases at the development have been by first-time buyers using the London Help to Buy scheme. The recently announced government stamp duty holiday on homes under £500,000 also means nobody who buys an apartment – as long as it is their

main residence – will pay any stamp duty if the purchase is completed by the end of March next year. The remaining home yet to be sold in the first phase at Beckton Parkside is a third floor, one-bedroom apartment with a balcony. Homes in future phases of the development, which include Grove Court, Parkside Court and Redwood Court, are expected to go on sale this winter.

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Train services suspended on some Sundays this autumn to allow for upgrade work

There will be no TfL Rail services between Liverpool Street and Shenfield on some Sundays in October and November due to engineering work.

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Network Rail announced a programme of upgrades will be taking place to improve service reliability and as part of the preparations for the launch of Elizabeth line services. Overhead line electrification is being upgraded at Stratford and Maryland stations with a new system that adapts to temperature changes, which a Network Rail spokesperson said will result in fewer delays and cancellations in summer months. Work is also being done right

along the line to Shenfield to ensure there is a sufficient power supply for Crossrail services to operate. The line closures will take place on October 18 and 25, as well as November 1, 15 and 22. The spokesperson said: "This power supply work and the overhead line work at Stratford is being co-ordinated to minimise disruption to passengers." Bus replacement services will run on these dates, providing a connection to the Central line at Newbury Park station.



TfL Rail services will not run between Liverpool Street and Shenfield on some Sundays in October and November
Picture: CATHERINE DAVISON

Ellie Burrows, Network Rail's route director for Anglia, said: "The recent hot weather has shown that having a modern overhead power system that automatically adjusts to ambient air temperature is vital to running an efficient railway. "Having completed the upgrade of the overhead wires between Forest Gate and Chelmsford and on the Southend Victoria line,

updating the wires in Stratford is our last big push to get this upgrade work completed. "Not running trains on some Sundays will be inconvenient for which I apologise, but it is vital time for our engineers to make preparations for our bigger package of works at Christmas." The overhead line improvements between Stratford and Maryland will be continuing

over the Christmas period and on weekends in January and February. Network Rail, which expects to finish the project by next Easter, said it will provide further information on this work later in the year. For more information and advice for those expecting to travel on the affected October and November dates, go to tfl.gov.uk.



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Campaign to help children manage asthma and stay out of hospital

Health experts are encouraging simple steps to help children and young people manage their asthma and reduce the risk of ending up in hospital.

Throughout this month, Healthy London Partnership and the NHS are running the campaign #AskAboutAsthma to coincide with children returning to school in the time of Covid-19 and with the peak period of hospital admissions for asthma.

One in 10 children and young people in London have the condition, but less than half of those have an asthma management plan or know how to use their inhaler correctly.

Many of them have badly managed asthma, to the extent that 4,000 are admitted to hospital every year and 170 have such a

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severe episode they need to be taken into intensive care. It is particularly important to keep children's asthma under control this year due to the pandemic and a potential second wave of it.

Asking for three simple interventions – having an asthma management plan; being able to use their inhaler effectively; and having an asthma review annually, at least – can help them control it.

East London Health and Care Partnership's director of children's nursing and clinic lead for children and young people Kath Evans said: "In September we see the greatest admission rates for asthma in children.



Less than half the children and young people with asthma in London have an asthma management plan or know how to use their inhaler correctly
Picture: PETER BYRNE/PA IMAGES

"In light of Covid we want to encourage children, young people, and their families to take control in managing their asthma before they end up in hospital.

NHS London medical director Dr Vin Diwakar said: "During the lockdown period, admissions to hospital for childhood asthma have reduced, but we mustn't be

complacent since winter is approaching.

"Poorly controlled asthma is a frightening experience for any child or young person and their family.

"It has never been safer and easier to receive regular asthma reviews, as the NHS has ramped up its virtual capacity and shifted

from face to face to video appointments."

Asthma UK clinical lead and practising GP Dr Andy Whittamore added: "People who have a written asthma action plan are four times less likely to be admitted to hospital, which is important at a time when the NHS is under increased pressure."

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When it launched the 'Planning for the Future' consultation, the Government unveiled the most significant shake-up to the UK's planning system since the 1940s.

A key part of this, according to the White Paper, will be to enhance democracy and transparency in the planning system; laudable objectives which we wholeheartedly support.

But at least one measure in the consultation would do the exact opposite; the removal of the statutory requirement for councils to publicise planning notices in local newspapers.

If this were to go ahead, we fear that the public access to important information would be severely impaired.

Instead of being published in trusted local newspapers and across their digital channels, planning notices would be cast into the void of misinformation and fake news that is social media.

Or they would be placed in a little-visited part of a council website.

And, what's more, those of you who prefer to get your news through a printed newspaper

would never see the notices at all.

As your local paper, we firmly believe in your right to know and we fight hard for it on your behalf every day of the week.

In the digital era, we want to work with councils to find innovative new ways to help people find planning notices.

But removing the obligation to publish in print will damage that collaboration and lead to the notices being hidden from public view.

If you believe in the public right to know, then please contact your MP and ask them to make representations to Government about this on your behalf.

Your local newspaper stands for transparency and fights for your right to know every day. Now, you can help us defend these vital principles which underpin our democratic way of life.



**Yours sincerely,
Lindsay Jones,
Editor, Newham Recorder**

Planning



Plans to restore a historic disused pub The Spotted Dog quickly attracted submissions from people in the area, as reported on February 5, 2020

Picture: ARCHANT



A logistics firm released revised plans for a distribution hub in Silvertown in response to concerns raised from neighbours, as reported on August 5, 2020

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Public notices help make people aware of planned developments in Newham and ensure they get the chance to have their say on the proposals.

Planning matters can generate significant response from residents, which can result in applications being amended or withdrawn when these views are taken into consideration.

Logistics firm GLP recently submitted revised plans for a distribution hub in Silvertown after neighbours raised concerns over the possible impact of the proposal on air quality and traffic, as reported in the August 5 edition.

Earlier this year, a proposal to renovate the historic, disused Forest Gate pub The Spotted Dog attracted a number of responses after public notices were printed.

Public submissions ranged from positive comments about the addition of a family pub in the neighbourhood to concerns about potential parking issues and noise.

Write to your MP...

Stephen Timms
Labour MP for East Ham
timmss@parliament.uk

Lyn Brown
Labour MP for West Ham
brownl@parliament.uk

PRESS GANG

Hello everyone
How are you all?

I am excited this week. On Press Gang we are giving away a magical book about a young boy who has to look after mythical creatures. *The Fabled Stables - Willa the Wisp* features animals including the Gargantula, the Yawning Abyss and the Hippopotamouse. I always think my handler looks like some sort of mythical creature when she is asleep!

Our recipe this week is one of those you will make once and want to make again and again. Our banana and oat bakes are seriously yummy, so I have been told.

Want to get in touch? Get a parent/guardian to email my handler: philippa.cave@archant.co.uk

Scoopy x



JOKE OF THE WEEK

Q: What is the difference between a carrot and a unicorn?

A: The first is a bunny feast, the other is a funny beast.



Remember to ask your parents to visit Press Gang's own Facebook page: **Recorder/Post Press Gang**

Scoopy wishes Happy Birthday to:

Sienna Abbott Bailey, 15, Romford; Aryan Haider, 12, Dagenham; Rebecca Mozirer, 15, Dagenham; Uzair Kashif, eight, Ilford; Archie Marable, six, Dagenham; Joseph Fox, 15, Plaistow; Charlie Metson, 10, Ongar; and Lola Simpson, six, Dagenham.

To see your child's birthday listed here, email their details to philippa.cave@archant.co.uk



DID YOU KNOW?

Traditional mythology gave weight to the belief some mythical creatures, such as dragons or unicorns, existed. In Greek mythology, creatures were connected to gods. Some, such as the giant squid, have actually existed.

WHAT SHALL WE DO?

Inspired by mythical creatures, create your own. Pick bits of different animals and draw them. I would draw the head of an elephant onto the body of a fish with the paws of a lion. Then give them a name. Mine could be a fishy lionphant!

WHAT SHALL WE MAKE?

Banana and oat bakes

These are perfect for your packed lunch or as an afternoon snack.

Ingredients:

2 ripe bananas |
60g porridge oats |
30g apple sauce |
1 tsp ground cinnamon

Method:

1. Preheat oven to 180C/160 fan/gas mark 4.
2. Line a baking sheet with baking paper.
3. Slice the bananas and then mash in a bowl with a fork.
4. Mix in the oats, apple sauce and ground cinnamon.
5. Divide the mixture into 10 equal-sized balls and put on the lined baking sheet with space inbetween.
6. Bake for 15-20 minutes until golden.
7. Remove and cool on a wire rack until crisp.

Tip: Keep in an air-tight container to keep crisp.

Recipe: [Sainsburys.co.uk](https://www.sainsburys.co.uk)



Win: The Fabled Stables - Willa the Wisp

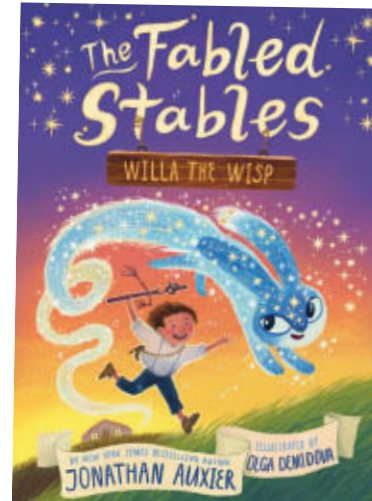
The Fabled Stables - Willa the Wisp is a magical book written by Jonathan Auxier and beautifully illustrated by Olga Demidova.

Welcome to the Fabled Stables, a magical building filled with one-of-a-kind creatures. Creatures including the Gargantula, the Yawning Abyss, the Hippopotamouse... and Auggie.

Auggie is the only human boy at the Stables, and he takes care of all the other animals. The Fabled Stables have a mind of their own, and every so often the building shakes and shudders, twitches and sputters - it's making room for a new arrival!

It's Auggie's job to venture out from the safety of the stables and rescue a new creature from mortal danger. But will he be able to complete his mission before it's too late? With some help from Fen (a literal stick-in-the-mud) and his animal companions, Auggie saves the day and makes a new friend in the process.

The Fabled Stables - Willa the Wisp is published by Abrams & Chronicle Books. Press Gang has three copies to give away. Complete the coupon, get a parent or guardian to scan or photograph it, and email it to philippa.cave@archant.co.uk by Monday, October 5, 2020.



Competition

Q: Who is the only human boy in the stables?

- A. Auggie
B. Dougie
C. Louis

Name.....

Address.....

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Postcode.....Age.....

Tel no.....

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Next week: Win Baby Koala Rescue by Tilda Kelly

JOIN THE DEBATE: Email newsdesk@newhamrecorder.co.uk or write to The Editor, Newham Recorder, 7th Floor, Maritime House, 1 Linton Road, Barking IG11 8HG.

Ban cars outside senior schools

S Ellis, Heaton Grange, Romford, writes:

We are now within the second week of the return to school and it didn't take too long before the sound of car horns and exhaust fumes filled the morning air, contributing to the full blown emergency the Newham mayor, Ms Fiaz, warned us all of this time last year.

We once again have the spectacle of gridlocked roads leading to and from Brampton Manor Academy School.

Ms Fiaz said, and I quote: "There is no do nothing option – people are dying and this administration is determined to play its part in tackling the world climate emergency," etc.

Newham Council and Ms Fiaz have managed to stop parents taking their children by car to infant and primary schools with the car restrictions near the schools, but not the senior schools, which is a bit perverse as parents of smaller children probably need to be able to drop off at one or more schools, whereas senior school pupils are or should be capable of getting to school on their own. It's not as if TfL have made it hard for them with the extra buses for their use only.

If they were serious about tackling the air pollution, they would be stopping the parents, the taxi drivers and all other car drivers dropping off children at the school gates of Brampton Manor or any other senior school.

The powers that be should also be stopping the mayhem in the grounds of Newham University Hospital, as



While parents are not allowed to park outside primary schools, this does not apply to secondary schools
Picture: NICK ANSELL/PA WIRE

the car drivers have to drop off as near as possible, even if it means stopping/parking on the zebra crossing whilst people are trying to cross or doing five point turns in front of hospital staff, ambulance drivers and bus drivers going about their business of getting to work.

Technology is changing so fast

A Stratford resident, full name and address supplied, writes:

Lenin once said there are decades when nothing happens and there are decades that happen in weeks.

Who would have believed Covid-19 would have changed so much of the

way we lived at the start of 2020, especially digital, first cashless payments and face masks? I have written about digital poverty before so I was interested in the Recorder's story about disadvantaged people who don't own smart phones, who are unable to use the NHS app.

This is important not only because of Covid-19 but because this app allows people to check in at venues or to use public transport.

The worry is that if you're in a disadvantaged group and don't have a smart phone you will stopped from travelling or doing the things you enjoy. At the moment we can sign in to venues using pen and paper, but will that always be the case?

The government is also talking

about a digital ID card and digital health passports, so I think the issue of digital poverty is becoming even more urgent and there are real fears in disadvantaged groups that we could find ourselves shut out of society if we can't afford or understand how to use smart phones.

Things are changing fast and if decades are happening in weeks, who knows what it will be like this time next year.

Cancel polluting tunnel now

Caroline Russell, London Assembly member, writes:

The mayor has not been straight with Londoners. Last year he told us Silvertown Road Tunnel would cost £1 billion, in March it was £1.2bn, and now we finally see what TfL will actually pay and it's heading for £2bn. This is outrageous.

I have stood alongside many communities in opposing this tunnel, which would run a belching, polluting road through the heart of some of London's most deprived areas.

The real financial cost has been hidden to avoid further opposition from the public and local politicians.

When my predecessor on the Assembly first started opposing this scheme in 2012 Transport for London described the cost as being about £600m, we are stratospheres above that now and TfL will be saddled paying for this.

The mayor should have been clear

about this cost implication for TfL from the start. As things stand, he should do the decent thing and cancel this polluting motorway tunnel now.

Covid situation is clearly worsening

Cllr Peter John, chair of London Councils, writes:

With tighter restrictions being brought in across parts of the country, it is clear the situation around Covid-19 is worsening.

It is essential that all Londoners pull together and take action to keep themselves, their families and their communities safe.

We must all remember to frequently wash our hands, wear face coverings in enclosed spaces, including in shops and public transport, and to keep at least two metres apart from others wherever possible. If we have symptoms of Covid-19 we should immediately self-isolate and get tested.

We must follow the "rule of six" and not meet in groups of more than six people, including people in our household or support bubble, indoors or outdoors.

It is vital that London's testing capacity is boosted so that Londoners have timely access to Covid-19 tests, as well as ensuring they self-isolate to stop transmission of the virus as soon as they have symptoms. We are alert to the ongoing situation and will not hesitate to take extra measures if necessary.

Census faith question is confusing

The March 2021 census will land on our doorsteps in a short while.

It is set to include a confusing question open to misinterpretation. If used it will skew the results in favour of entrenched religious privilege.

It was announced in July that we will be asked "What is your religion?" The same leading question was used in the last two censuses. It is based on the false presumption that we all have a religion.

It leads many people to say they have a religion when in fact they have no religious belief. They simply name the religion that is part of their cultural background even though they don't practise it.

Evidence of the confusion was revealed by a poll at the time of the last census in 2011.

Just 29 per cent answered positively to the question "Are you religious?" That is less than half the 61pc who

Humanist View

**Paul Kaufman
Chairman, East London Humanists**



ticked the religion box for the census question.

The authoritative British Social Attitudes Survey, which does not ask leading questions, confirms well over half of us have no religious belief.

The census is expensive, time-consuming, and important. It helps set the course for the next 10 years. Underestimating the numbers has profound consequences and results in under provision for the non-religious. Just one example is lack of provision of non-religious pastoral care in hospitals, prisons, education and the armed services.

Consider our education system, where the religious exert disproportionate influence. Proliferation of

religious schools has been encouraged by successive governments.

Is this really about meeting un-met need, or is it about serving the religious lobby who are trying to turn back the tide?

There is still an outdated requirement for a daily collective act of Christian worship. Surely what we need are inclusive assemblies which treat religious and non-religious beliefs equally?

Teaching children about religion is important. But surely teaching about non-religious beliefs like Humanism should also be on every curriculum?

Humanists UK will continue to lobby for census wording which is fit for the 21st century.

How will we cope with a second wave?

The last few months have been difficult for all of us.

It's now clear that the government was slow to act back in March and that hasn't changed.

Despite months to prepare over the summer, many people haven't been able to get the tests they need.

Those lucky enough to get tested often wait more than 24 hours for results.

The reported backlog of tests is 185,000, affecting many families in Newham.

One constituent told me his son, very vulnerable to Covid, was sent home from school with symptoms. Nobody in the family drives.

They were told not to take public transport, but the only available test was in south London.

Next day, even that test site was no longer available.

Another constituent told me two of his children were sent home with symptoms. He and his wife tried 30

View from the House

**Lyn Brown
MP for West Ham**



times, day after day, to book a test, before giving up.

How will we cope with a second wave during the winter, if this isn't sorted?

The problems with this government don't end with the failing track and trace.

The furlough scheme supports businesses by providing 80 per cent of workers' wages. But, with infections rising and many businesses still not able to function, this crucial measure is due to end.

In West Ham, we had the country's highest number of jobs furloughed: nearly 30,000.

When you include all those excluded from support schemes, through no fault of their own, the need for government support is still great.

I am so worried about what will happen if the government abandons the furlough scheme.

Those most affected work in all the biggest sources of work locally. Sadly, employers may be unable to return to normal for a long time yet.

I fear large scale job losses and businesses closing for good.

Anybody in West Ham struggling with any of the above issues, or anything related to this awful virus, can contact my office on 020 7219 6999, or at lyn@lynbrown.org.uk, so I can take your concerns straight to government.

Please continue to protect others by following the Covid rules, and please stay safe.

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CURVY black lady with broad-minded & adventurous nature hopes to hear from a likeminded man of any age for physical fun. Discreet. Text Only. Box No. 434189

SINITA, curvy black lady. 51yrs, busty and brave. Looking for a white man of any age for discreet fun. I am married so need to be careful. Text Only. Box No. 4177542

GLORIA, of Jamaican heritage, mature lady, likes socialising, jokes, parties, music, holidays, WLTM somebody fun loving and genuine with GSOH, for lasting relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 4254 Box No: 436723

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EASYGOING widower seeks lady for friendship and good company. Text only replies. Mailbox: 7080925

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MARCUS divorced man with own home and business. Youthful 60yrs. Looking for a lady to wine and dine Hopefully leading to something longer term. 45 -70 ideally but age is just a number. Text Only. Box No. 4068407

EMOTIONALLY and physically separated nice bloke, looking for a female to spend time with, and to have some cheeky fun. Text only replies: 7052351

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MALE 62, white, professional, mature, experienced, seeks NSA discreet fun with lady, 18 plus. Tel No: 0906 515 4254 Box No: 418047

MICHAEL, 50, tall, medium build, fair hair, looking for someone to go out and about with, to local events, walks, weekends away, to get to know each other. Hoping that special someone will get in touch. Tel No: 0906 515 4254 Box No: 436541

BLACK male, 45, 5ft10, stocky build, likes music, cinema, restaurants, holidays, etc, WLTM attractive female, with GSOH, age/race/status unimportant for LTR. Tel No: 0906 515 4254 Box No: 422231

MATT, 30's, fit, average, likes the countryside. Want to hone skills with a patient, happy lady during daytime. Single, but my place unavailable. Text only replies. Mailbox: 7087399

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JEFF 60, slim, seeking discreet fun with gay/bi male. Can accommodate. Tel No: 0906 515 4254 Box No: 408323

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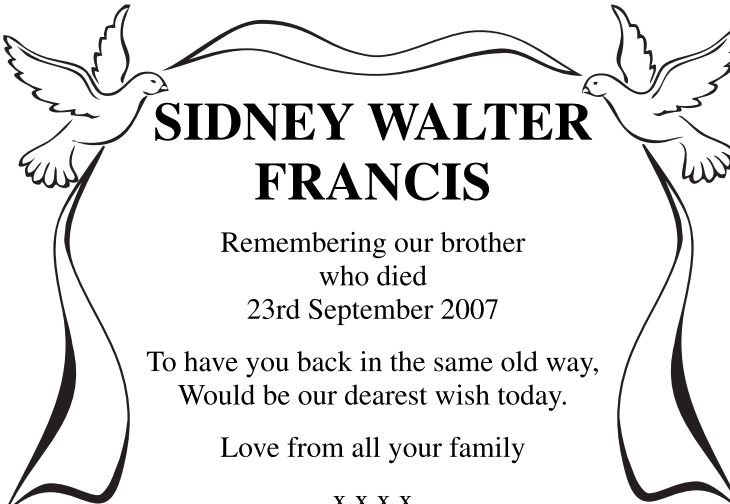
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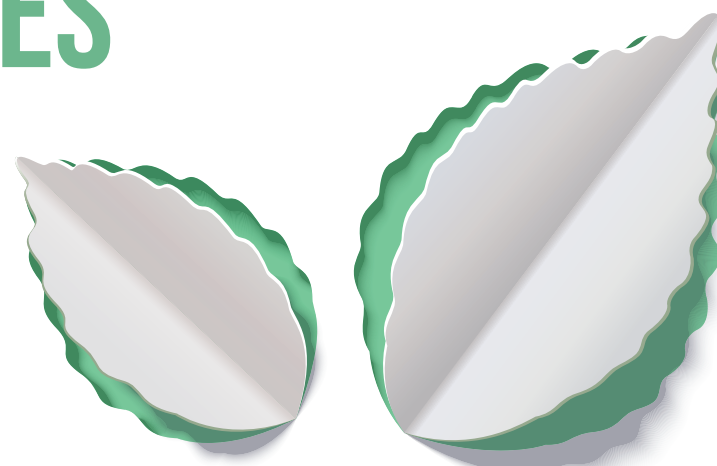
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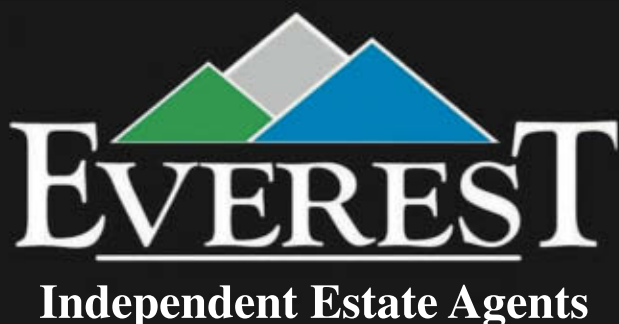


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3. Vehicular traffic will be diverted via local adjacent roads, one way streets where necessary, may be reversed or revert to two - way working, road closures and parking prohibitions, footway and cycle lane closures will apply when the appropriate signs are displayed.
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ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14(1)

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2. The Order will be made to allow construction work at East Ham Working Men's Club on the said roads listed in schedule 1 below.
3. The prohibition applies from Friday 28th August 2020 until Thursday 24th February 2022 or on completion of the works, whichever is the sooner.
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Notice of Intent

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14(1)
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2. The Order is being made to allow Ark Build plc, its contractors and Utilities to carry out major development works, on and adjacent to the highway on various roads listed in schedule 1 below.
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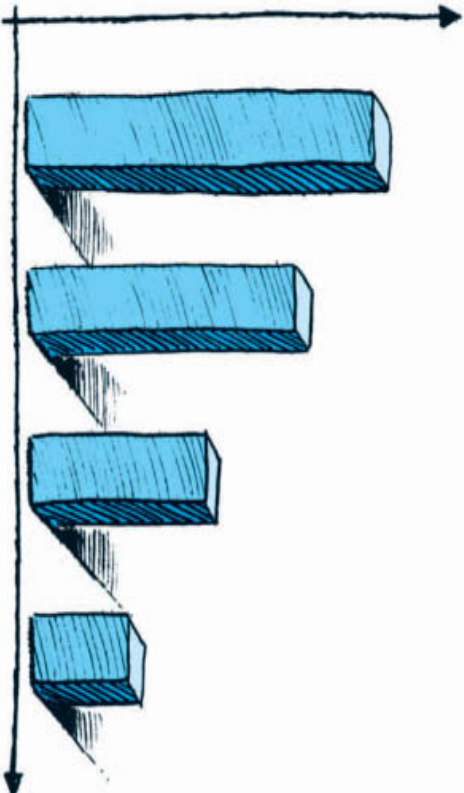
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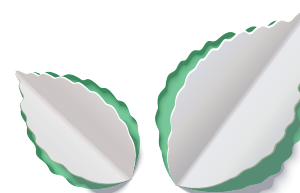
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Remembering biggest moments of West Ham ‘Golden Boy’ Billy Walker’s career

Boxing

Boxing star Billy Walker was born on March 3, 1939 as the dark clouds of the impending Second World War were gathering in earnest, writes Chris Kempson.

Walker and his brothers, along with their mother, were evacuated to rural Bedfordshire, a far safer area than the vulnerable East End of London.

The family returned to London in 1946, moving to Ilford as the country tried to get back to normal following the ending of the war.

Guided by his elder brother George, Billy joined the West Ham Boxing Club and had a successful amateur career involving some 39 contests.

After three years, he won the ABA senior heavyweight title in April 1961 at the Wembley’s Empire Pool and Sports Arena by stopping Welshman Len “Rocky” James (Patchway ABC) in the opening round of their scheduled three-round bout.

There was a good crop of British heavyweights around in those days including James, Dave Thomas, the Army’s Len Hobbs and the Navy’s Rae Dryden.

In November that year Walker poleaxed the giant American Cornelius Perry in under a minute of the opening round, again at Wembley’s Empire Pool and Sports Arena.

This bout was shown live on BBC television and helped secure a 10-0 “whitewash” victory over the mighty USA by Great Britain’s finest amateur stock at that time.

The highly touted Perry was so shattered by his complete humiliation, he never took to the ring again such was his devastating loss at the hands of the big punching West Hammer.

It came as no surprise therefore that Walker, known as “The Golden Boy” and also “The Blond Bomber”, turned professional almost immediately with brother George as his manager.

Amid great expectation and much excitement he made his professional debut in March 1962 against Belgium’s Jose Peyre in a scheduled eight-rounder at Wembley’s Empire Pool.

Walker’s aggression and big punching finally saw him stop his man in the fifth round.

An eight-round draw followed against tough Spaniard Mariano Echevarria to signal that maybe the paid game was not quite so easy as some bouts in his amateur days.

At that time, Walker was being matched with overseas boxers from the likes of Germany, Ghana, Canada and Italy and he remained unbeaten until his sixth contest when a low blow in the third



British heavyweight boxer Billy Walker training at Haverstock Hill, Hampstead, for his fight with Argentinian Jose Menno. Picture: PA

round of a scheduled 10 saw him disqualified against Spain’s Jose Gonzalez in November 1962, denting his hitherto clean sheet (counting the then lone draw).

A mere five days later, in Manchester, Walker outpointed Gonzalez to make up for his disqualification loss and he went on to secure five more victories on the run including a last-round stoppage over the very skilful Midlander Johnny Prescott at Wembley in September 1963.

However, two months later, Prescott turned the tables on Walker with a 10-round points success at Wembley.

In January 1964, Joe Bygraves was disqualified in the sixth round for a low blow against Walker and in March of that year, a cut eye forced the stoppage of Walker in the eighth round of a

scheduled 10 against the useful American Bill Nielsen.

Two months later in a return bout, Walker knocked out Nielsen inside two rounds at Wembley.

In November the very skilful Welshman Joe Erskine was outscored over 10 rounds also at Wembley.

The year of 1965 once again saw mixed results for the Blond Bomber as he was seeking to make his way to championship contention for a shot at various heavyweight titles.

First up, American Charlie Powell was dismissed in two rounds at Olympia, then Walker lost a 10-round points decision at the hands of the “Blackpool Rock” Brian London.

After that came two difficult contests against the very tough and capable Argentinian, Eduardo

Corletti.

Their first encounter produced a 10-round draw in San Remo, while in their second meeting Corletti stopped Walker in eight rounds at Wembley in October of that year.

Despite his mixed ring fortunes in 1965, Walker had a very successful year in 1966, winning all five contests inside the distance against Swedish, German, Argentinian and American opposition, including Ray Patterson – the younger brother of former two-time world heavyweight champion Floyd.

He opened 1967 with another victory, albeit due to the disqualification of Italian fighter Giulio Rinaldi in the opening round in Manchester for deliberate butting.

Walker was now deemed to be ready for championship fights and Germany’s European heavyweight champion Karl Mildenberger was lured to Wembley in March 1967 but he kept his title by stopping Walker in the eighth round of a scheduled 15-rounder.

Eight months later another formidable challenge was set before Walker, in the shape of Henry Cooper – another world class performer who was putting his British and Commonwealth titles on the line.

Cooper stopped Walker in six rounds and another championship opportunity had evaporated for the “Golden Boy”. It was to be his last.

Walker eventually decided to continue his career and after being out of the ring for a year came back in November 1968 at Wembley and stopped the well regarded American Thad Spencer in the sixth of a scheduled 10 rounds.

The end was nigh, however, as in March 1969 he was stopped in eight rounds by Jack Bodell, a tough battler from Swadlincote at Wembley and he decided to retire with a record of 21 victories (16 inside), eight losses (five inside) and two draws.



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Billy Walker signs professional forms as brother George looks on (left) and in training (right).

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Non League Football

Clapton will be looking to build on their FA Vase success when they face St Margaretsbury and Saffron Walden Town this week.

The Tons make the trip to St Margaretsbury on Saturday where they will come up against a whole host of former players, including the likes of Ryan Reed, Andy Greenslade, James Falasie, Emmanuel Olajide, Kirk McPherson and Ikem Odeh.

Julian Charles’ men will then also travel away to Saffron Walden on Tuesday evening as they search for their first win of the season in the Essex Senior League.

Clapton sealed a 4-2 win over Thurlow Nunn League Division One South outfit Brimsdown in their FA Vase clash at the weekend, as Daniel Emovon, Sirigui Nicki Dembele and Kyle Thompson netted to bag £550 in prize money and progress.

They visit Spartan South Midlands League Premier Division outfit Potton United in the second qualifying round of the competition on October 10, when another £725 is on offer to the winners.

Women's Football

Clapton Community FC's women got their first points of the season with a 4-0 home win over Crystal Palace Development on Sunday.

They took the lead on nine minutes as Larissa Vieira cut in from the left and spotted the keeper off her line, with the winger chipping in from 30 yards.

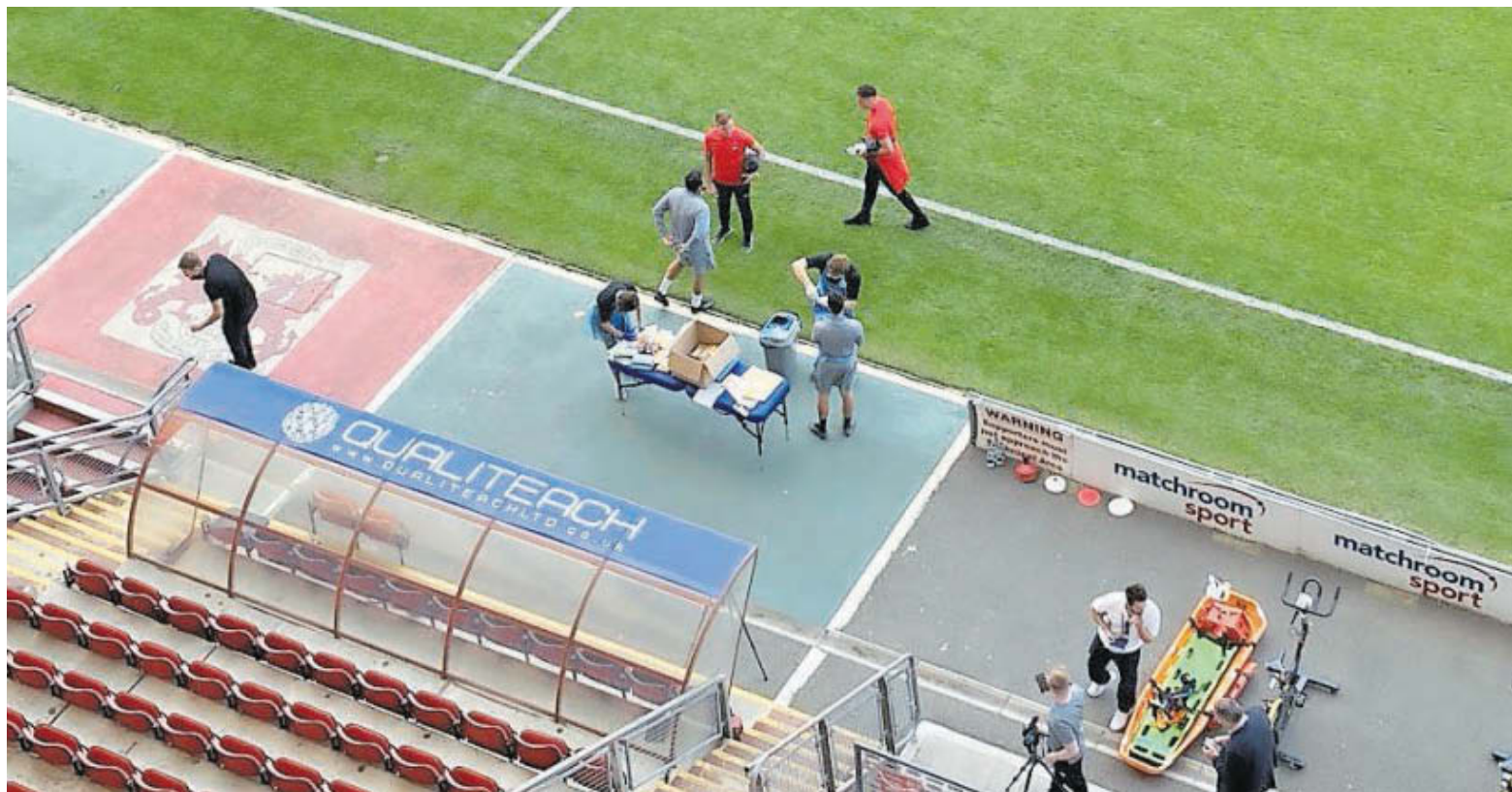
Shortly after, Emily Link pounced on a loose Palace pass, rounded a defender and slotted home to double Clapton’s lead.

Coming up to the 20-minute mark, Link made it 3-0 as the centre forward strode through the heart of the Palace defence and again made no mistake with the finish.

The Eagles struggled to make a dent in a resolute back line and the closest they came was a late one-on-one, but Clapton goalkeeper Polly Adams read the danger well to rush out and block.

Just before the end, standout performer Vieira put some further gloss on the scoreline as she pinched a bouncing ball from between the Palace centre-backs and fired into the corner.

Clapton will be looking to build on this positive result when they travel to Barnes to take on Regents Park Rangers on Sunday.



Leyton Orient players undergoing Covid-19 testing following the Mansfield Town draw.

Picture: JACOB RANSON

Travis: Orient need cup tie after positive Covid results

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Leyton Orient chairman Nigel Travis said he expected their Carabao Cup fixture against Tottenham Hotspur to be replayed after the club revealed a number of first-team players had tested positive for COVID-19 on the eve of their third-round clash this week.

Testing, paid for by Tottenham, took place after Orient's 2-2 draw with Mansfield on Saturday and the positive cases forced them to contact the EFL and Spurs over their Carabao Cup tie.

The Brisbane Road club also informed Mansfield Town, Plymouth Argyle and Oldham Athletic, their three most recent opponents, prior to the public release of this information.

Orient said their priority is the



Leyton Orient chairman Nigel Travis. Picture: SIMON O'CONNOR

health and well-being of its players and staff and those who tested positive would strictly follow government self-isolation guidelines.

The Breyer Group Stadium and training ground facilities will be closed until further notice. But chairman Travis strongly backed his view that the match should be postponed, rather than cancelled with Spurs going through into the fourth round.

While the game was set to take

place behind closed doors, Orient were due to financially benefit as the match was chosen for broadcast and live TV coverage.

An announcement was expected yesterday (Tuesday) lunchtime and Travis insisted he would be doing all he can to ensure the fixture is rescheduled and played at a later date.

"We have talked to the EFL and we are assuming this is a postponement," Travis told TalkSport Radio.

"We're going to lose £2.5million this year, anything that can help us reduce that loss is clearly important. We are struggling, so games like this have to take place.

"We have a great relationship with Spurs, we've looked at their fixtures and this game can be played. There has to be a will, because this game is worth £150,000 profit to us, so we have to play this game.

"I recognise the guidelines and we have spoken to the league about extenuating circumstances. I can assure you, we will not be the first club facing this this year. Even Man City had a player test positive recently.

"We expect this game to be played and we will campaign very strongly for this game to be played. Clubs of our size depend on games like this."

Under EFL rules, clubs receive a bye if their opponents cannot fulfil a fixture, while Spurs are currently in the midst of a run of nine games in 22 days.

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West Ham United

West Ham United fan and budding journalist Kwame Boakye gives his views on the club's 2-1 defeat to London rivals Arsenal.

Last season West Ham travelled to the Emirates Stadium, spurned several glorious chances to take the lead and were undone by a late Alexandre Lacazette winner.

Saturday night in north London was an almost carbon copy.

At 1-1, the Hammers had Arsenal on the ropes for 15-20 minutes. Michail Antonio hit the bar and Tomas Soucek failed to connect with the kind of header he was burying last season.

Just like last season we were made to pay with an undeserved Arsenal winner. We have to learn to be more ruthless and clinical because yet again it's the same old story.

What is even more galling is that the Irons should have come away with at least a point, but like last season, we have come away with nothing but a few plaudits and a pat on the back.

However, there are positives to take from our latest Emirates humbling; the new formation worked well, we contained Arsenal for the majority of the game and in the second half we were the better side.

It was also the best game Arthur Masuaku and Ryan Fredericks have had in a while.

The new system with three at the back and wing-backs is surely the way forward, and the level of performance on Saturday needs to be the standard from now on.

Credit must go to David Moyes because he very nearly pulled off an unlikely result.

In the build-up to the game, the consensus was that Arsenal were going to steamroller us with Lacazette, Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang and Willian running riot. But they were lucky to win.

Could Moyes have thrown on an attacking sub when we had Arsenal struggling to get out of their own half? Perhaps.

It did feel like the goal was coming for us. If he had gone for it and put Sebastien Haller, Felipe Anderson and Andriy Yarmolenko on earlier, it might have paid off.

But it may have backfired and, when you're that close to getting a point, you can understand not wanting to risk it for more.

If nothing else we can now go into the game against Wolves with a bit more confidence and belief.

Since Wolves were promoted, we've lost every encounter without even a solitary goal. That has to change at some point, why not Sunday night?