



## Half price fares for all journeys before 7.30am?



Lib Dem Mayoral candidate  
Caroline Pidgeon

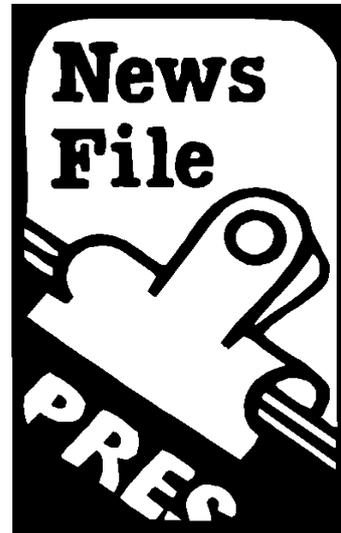
**Caroline Pidgeon, the Liberal Democrat candidate for Mayor of London,** set out plans for half price fares on Underground, DLR, Overground and TfL Rail services for people who start their journeys before 7.30am.

**Caroline Pidgeon said:** "Half price fares on TfL's Tube and rail services would really help some of London's lowest paid workers who often have to work unsocial hours. This is a genuine fare cut that can be delivered immediately. Half price fares up to 7.30am would also help tackle

overcrowding by encouraging people to start their journeys earlier in the morning. Supporting those Londoners who get up early and making our city work is really important, providing real help with the cost of living in the capital. This is a win win policy for Londoners".

**Focus says:** Caroline Pidgeon is the most experienced candidate in the election. Caroline is head and shoulders above the rest of the candidates and as Mayor will give residents the London they deserve.

## Drivers and businesses hit for six!



The Labour Council's decision to scrap the 15 minute free parking and replace it with a single free hour of parking between 1pm and 2pm is described by a resident as "ludicrous". Up to now residents and visitors around the borough could park free for 15 minutes all through the day, popping into local shops

to pick up small items or go into the library to pick up information and CPZ parking permits. Local businesses and shopping areas, where passing trade is their lifeblood, are under threat and will be hit by this damaging policy.

**Focus says:** No consultation has taken place. A special Council meeting to get the Labour Council to change its mind failed, showing once again its unwillingness to listen to residents and review its daft decisions.

## Lib Dem Focus Team Fighting for YOU

## Barclay School 'Lollipop Lady' - update

The Focus Team has collected over 200 signatures from parents of Barclay School asking that a 'Lollipop Lady' (now called a Lollipop Warden) be reinstated. The original well-loved Lollipop Lady was the warden on the corner of Essex Road and Canterbury Road for years but retired in December 2014.

Lib Dem Focus member Bob Sullivan contacted the school and the Council and found that the Council do not now fund the position. However if the school will pay the cost then they will assist in setting up the position of a Warden.

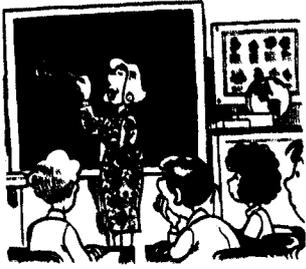
Fortunately Bob was informed that the Cornerstone Church were willing to give financial support to the school to fund the warden. He is currently assisting both sides to meet up to discuss the issue.

**Focus says:** Given the support of the parents and the financial support of the local Church it should not be long before we see a 'Lollipop Warden' at the junction of Canterbury Road and Essex Road. Focus will keep you informed of developments.



Campaigner Farooq Qureshi collecting signatures outside The Cornerstone

# Good News and not so Good News



The league tables for last summer's GCSE exams were published in January and showed that over half of our secondary schools in Waltham Forest were below the national average of 57.1 per cent whereas all the secondary schools in Redbridge were all above the national average.

The good news is that Walthamstow School for Girls ended up top for Waltham Forest at 73 per cent A\*

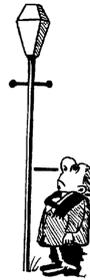
to C GCSEs but local school **Leytonstone School** was below average with only 48 per cent.

The Council need to address why our schools are lagging behind most schools in England and particularly why nearby Redbridge again out performs Waltham Forest. It is interesting to note that the results have not appeared in the latest Council's propaganda paper Waltham Forest News.

## Local Liberal Democrats - Keeping YOU Informed

### Let there be light - Hainault Road

The lamppost at the junction of **Hainault Road** and **Leyton High Road** has not worked since it was put up when the new flats were being built. A concerned elderly lady spoke to **Focus member Bob Sullivan** about this. She had reported it to the Police, the Council and the building company whose office overlooks the lamppost but nothing had been done. Bob reported it and within a week was told it had been fixed. Despite this Bob is again having to chase this as the lamp is still out.



## Lib Dems - Local People - Local Action Service and Action All Year Round

### Colchester Road/Chesterfield Road - parking problems

Residents in **Colchester** and **Chesterfield Roads** are having parking problems in their road after nearby roads have become a Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ).

**Focus says:** These parking problems have been notified to the Council previously. The Council is well aware that parking becomes a problem with roads that are near to CPZ areas. Contact **Focus** if parking in your road is a problem.

## Problems - Ideas - Comments

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Tel. No. \_\_\_\_\_

Address & Post Code \_\_\_\_\_

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## Focus Team Local Action



### Chesterfield Road - tree roots

There are two large trees in **Chesterfield Road** that have very large tree roots which cover a lot of the pavement. They have been reported to the Council but there has been no action to deal with them. **Focus** is chasing this up.

### Hainault Road /corner Leigh Road

The **Focus Team** alerted the Council to the damaged wall to the seated area



The damaged wall awaiting repair

on the corner of **Hainault** and **Leigh Roads**.

So far, the dislodged bricks have been removed pending repair.

**Focus** will monitor progress.

## Problems - Ideas - Views Contact your Lib Dem Focus Team

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