

## LRA NEWS

**Burton Road fire: District Council [update](#)** (item 7). Local paper report [here](#)

- **Insulation.** LRA Cllr Chris Pond had asked at a District Council meeting about the insulation used in the building affected, and was met with comments about the process for tendering the building contract (before Grenfell) – it appears that insulation similar to that which may have been involved in the Grenfell fire is involved in this and the other blocks. The Council asserts that they checked and approved the materials after Grenfell
- **Delays:** there will be no delay to the 17 town houses and the block of 15 apartments which should continue to be completed by the end of December 2018. The block of 19 apartments with fire damage will fall slightly behind schedule, but should be ready by the end of March 2019.

**Parking fines at Loughton Station.** Thanks to the persistence of a resident, NCP have finally admitted that their camera equipment was faulty when it recorded a car parked for less than 20 minutes on two consecutive days as having been there over night! Should this happen to you, please email [contact@LoughtonResidents.co.uk](mailto:contact@LoughtonResidents.co.uk) and we'll try to help get it sorted out.



**Parking: Nursery Road & Connaught Avenue.**

**NEPP:** The local County Cllr Valerie Metcalfe (Cons) has been talking to NEPP about possible solutions to the problems on these roads and we await their proposals (LRA Cllr Trevor Downing is taking part in the discussions). On Nursery Road, we think that NEPP will be considering parking measures installed along the entire length of the green.

**City of London.** Separately, Trevor had alerted the City of London to the gaps in the posts along the green, and they have now installed more posts along the lower part of Nursery Road (near Smarts Lane) to stop parking on Forest land.

**New planning applications:** The LRA Plans Group considers that the two following applications are over-developments and out-of-character with their surroundings

- **13-15A Alderton Hill:** application for a reduced up-to-5-storey block of 89 retirement flats (instead of 106). See *LPG comments* [here](#).
- **69 Church Hill:** application for a 3-storey block of 10 retirement flats in place of a bungalow



13-15A Alderton Hill

## LOCAL NEWS

FOR LOCAL EVENTS SEE SEPARATE EMAIL

Check ahead for events in red, which need to be booked in advance!

FOR LOCAL LEISURE ORGANISATIONS SEE <http://tinyurl.com/pbel693>

**Heritage Open Days, Friday September 7<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 9<sup>th</sup>**, including a Classic Car Display in the Smarts Lane car-park, with refreshments on Standard Green, and bell tower tours at St John the Baptist Church (Church Lane) – see our *EVENTS* email for details.

**District Council car-parking charges increases** were discussed at last night's Cabinet meeting. [Details.](#)



### Police & crime items

- Public meetings in Loughton:** a meeting last week – which Police were unable to attend - raised various issues, including the anti-social behaviour of a group of teenagers coming from outside the borough and congregating in around Loughton Station and Debden Broadway; a lack of visible Police presence; no BTP presence at Loughton and Debden Stations and youngsters fare-dodging; the lack of street lights. See the message from the Police at the end of this email. A further public meeting, with Police, was held last night; we'll report on this as soon as we can.
- “Coffee with Cops”** – you can meet and talk to the local team on Wednesday 12 September, 9am - 11am, St Mary's Church, 201 High Road.

- **Kid's bikes stolen:** EFNW are asking parents to tell their kids not to leave their bikes anywhere unsecured – recent thefts include bikes outside Morrisons, Sainsbury's and Newsbox in Valley Hill
- **Attempted street robbery in Loughton, September 4<sup>th</sup>:** police arrested the suspects and we're told that the whole operation was an excellent example of collaboration between civilians and police
- **Youngsters robbed:** despite the recent successes, there may have been more recent robberies in the Loughton area - young people often do not like to report that they are victims of crime. The potential victims we know of were all teens, and the perpetrators were also young. EFNW ask you to warn your young family members about this, and to suggest they avoid using their phones or wearing earphones in public
- **Named community officer for all Loughton** (including Debden): PC Marc Arnold
- **Email Epping Forest Police** [EppingForestCPT@essex.pnn.police.uk](mailto:EppingForestCPT@essex.pnn.police.uk) (manned Monday – Friday)
- **Epping Forest District Police Community Safety Team.** Amongst other tasks, the officers funded by the District Council are currently working on a project around best use of ASB legislation to target criminals causing harm in the District.

**Alderton Hill bridge repairs.** LRA Cllr Chris Pond took up with County Highways whether the work this summer could have been completed quicker. The works have provided future access to the bridge deck to allow strengthening works to be carried out next summer.

Typically the site operated 8am - 5pm Monday to Friday, with no working on Saturdays or Sundays. There was no overnight working because of nearby residential properties (noise carries much further at night).

The contractors had to work with the various services – gas, electricity, water mains, telephones, sewers – who had to deal with their own pipework and cables (a complicated situation).



## NHS

- **Community Healthcare in Essex** – how does it work and what's being planned? See [here](#).
- **Princess Alexandra Hospital (Harlow) – the future?** The hospital site is thought to be no longer fit for purpose and [this paper](#) gives some history, some of the options considered and the current status and timeframes in progressing plans to seek capital funding for redeveloping or rebuilding the hospital.

**New planning application: 256 High Road** (old Post Office Sorting site behind the shops): block of 29 retirement apartments up to 5 storeys

**Standard Green (next to The Standard).** Tree safety works are to be carried out by the City of London on this green on Wednesday 12 September. The horse chestnut trees at the left hand front of the green viewed from the High Road will be removed, and there will be a crown lift of the horse chestnut tree in the rear corner of the green by Smarts Lane. The parking and taxi bays alongside the green will be suspended.



**Starts on 8<sup>th</sup> September. New introductory 10-week Saturday course on athletics** for children aged 4 – 11 on Saturdays. 8.45 – 10am on the all-weather running track, Roding Valley Recreation Ground. £3 per session with the first session free.

Coaching will be provided by the District Council's Health and Well-being Team.

(Arranged by Loughton Town Council, 020 8508 4200; [contact@loughton-tc.gov.uk](mailto:contact@loughton-tc.gov.uk) )

**Defibrillators** should now be in place outside the Housing Office in The Broadway, Loughton Club (Station Road) and Morrisons store (High Road). There's also a portable defibrillator at the Roding Valley Recreation Ground for use at events.

What is it and how do you use it? See [here](#) [British Heart Foundation]



**Red Kites** have successfully bred on Epping Forest and Buffer Lands this year; one pair nested successfully at Copped Hall on the Buffer Lands and raised one chick, while the other nest was located within the Forest itself near Theydon Bois.

**Parking restrictions in Albion Hill** – see the new arrangements [here](#).

### Road works

- **resurfacing Forest View Road & Ollards Grove:** despite what residents were told last month, this will not now happen until next year, as Cadent will be replacing the gas mains (work scheduled to end in December)
- **resurfacing Staples Road:** will now take place in the October half-term holiday



**Loughton Leisure Centre – Official Opening of new facilities:**  
Saturday September 8<sup>th</sup>. [More](#) about the changes

**Jessel Green Fun Day**, Sunday 15 July. The Town Council reports that the event was well-attended and well-received. Charities to benefit from the event included Breast Cancer Now (£353), Cancer Research (£250), Chigwell Riding Trust (£70), Epping Forest Food Bank (£120) Oak View School (£120) and St Clare Hospice (£432) – a total of £1,345.

**Central Line closure Sat & Sun September 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>** between Bethnal Green & Stratford. Loughton – Epping will run. [Details](#).



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## OFFERS & HELP AVAILABLE

**In our WEA special email on August 27<sup>th</sup>, we'd put the start date for this course as 02/09/18 – it should have been 02/10/18.**

See all the local WEA courses [here](#):

**Gardening History Wildlife Literature History of Ideas**

### **History: The British Raj Early Period**

Tutor: Gregor Davey

Date: Tue 02/10/2018

Sessions: 10

Venue: Loughton Bowls Club, Eleven Acre Rise, Loughton, IG10 1AN

Cost: £80.00

Time: 10:00 - 12:00

Course ref: C2225642

Description: Examine Anglo-Indian relations from 1603 to 1857 including: initial contacts, trade, direct rule, the relationship with Indian rulers, company administration, the Rebellion, and aspects of Anglo-Indian life.

**Design the Town Council's [Christmas card](#)**  
& win a gift card!

Details of categories and entry forms:

- [portrait](#)
- [landscape](#)



**Loughton businesses** are encouraged to decorate their windows with a Christmas-themed display to guarantee automatic entry into the Town Council's 2018 Christmas Window competition. Judging commences on November 30<sup>th</sup>.

Information: 020 8508 4200; [contact@loughton-tc.gov.uk](mailto:contact@loughton-tc.gov.uk)

**Join Epping Forest NHW Notices** to get news and reports from Essex Police and help your local area to stay safe! This noticeboard is part of Epping Forest Neighbourhood Watch, and is open to anyone living or working in Epping Forest District.



### Memory loss and dementia

- **Alheimers Society "Singing for the Brain"** – a singing group for people living with Dementia, their families and carers. Enjoy singing in a relaxed and supportive environment. Tuesdays (with quarterly breaks), 2 – 4pm. The view, Rangers Road, Chingford. Details below.
- **Memory-café:** refreshments, entertainments, memorabilia, information, informal chats, singing, bingo etc. 2nd Friday of every month. 10am-mid-day. Loughton Club 8 Station Road. Details below.
- **New Dementia Café:** free and open to anyone who has Dementia, including the home's residents and their families. Monthly on Tuesdays (next September 25<sup>th</sup>). Information from Woodland Grove Care Home, Rectory Lane ([lifestyles.wg@oaklandcare.com](mailto:lifestyles.wg@oaklandcare.com); 020 8508 9220)

**SINGING FOR THE BRAIN** 

A singing group for people living with Dementia, their families and carers.

Come and enjoy singing in a relaxed and supportive environment.



**Date:** Every Tuesday (with quarterly breaks)  
**Time:** 2pm to 4pm  
**Location:** The View, 6 Rangers Road  
 Chingford  
 London  
 E4 7QH

Disability facilities & parking available on site, Refreshments will be provided  
 For more information or to let us know you will be attending, please contact:  
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 Charity No: 296645  
 alzheimers.org.uk

 **Epping Forest**  
 Registered Charity Alzheimer's Society Recruitment Team, 43-44 Crutched Friars, London EC3P 

**Rotary**  Club of Loughton, Buckhurst Hill & Chigwell.  
 Club of Roding

**MEMORY-CAFÉ**  
 (free service)

Where people with varying forms of memory loss and their carers can visit to support each other.

Enjoy refreshments, entertainment, memorabilia, information, informal chats, singing, bingo etc.



**2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of every month 10-12pm**  
**The Loughton Club**  
**8 Station Road, Loughton IG10 4NX**

For further information, please call  
 Fran 07984 100379 or Pesh 07973166940

**The Community Initiatives Fund (CIF)** is a small grants scheme operated by Essex County Council designed to fund community projects that:

- create, procure or develop new community assets
- enhance existing community assets
- enhance or develop initiatives that strengthen a community.

The closing date for applications is Friday 26 October 2018. [More information.](#)

### Get an allotment NOW.

The benefits of an allotment: [National Allotments Society.](#)

- **Loughton Potato Ground:** plots available [www.loughtonpotatoground.com](http://www.loughtonpotatoground.com)
- **Roding Road Allotment & Leisur Gardens Association:** [www.rodinroadallotments.co.uk](http://www.rodinroadallotments.co.uk)
- **Willingale Road Allotments:**  
 Loughton Town Council: 020 8508 4200
- **River Housing site** (borders of Loughton & Buckhurst Hill): Julie Willis on 07870347713



Or help at [GROW Community Garden](#), Pyrles Lane.

**Halogen light bulbs** should no longer be on sale as a Europe-wide ban has come into effect. *Ethical Consumer* say that preventing their sale in the UK could reduce carbon emissions by more than 15,000,000 tonnes a year, as replacement [LED light bulbs](#) consuming one fifth of the energy that halogen bulbs do - their [guide to low-energy light bulbs](#) will help you to find the most ethical replacements.

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## HELP WANTED

**Female adult volunteers needed to help with Rainbows, Brownies or Guides.** Help at weekly meetings to give girls a space where they can build their confidence, raise their aspirations and have fantastic fun. You get support, specialised training, new skills, meet new people and have fun. [More](#).



**[Petition](#) on making entering and occupying land a criminal offence.** Removing offenders from public and private land can be a costly and lengthy process as well as being expensive. Irreparable damage and disruption can be caused during this time especially to the local environment with a costly clean-up bill to Local Authorities and private individuals. The offenders then often move on to another site.

**Citizens Advice** needs a variety of volunteers for admin, receptionist, fundraiser, adviser, information assistant, events organiser and research & campaign assistants. The team covers a wide range of advice, face-to-face, by telephone and online. Information and applications: [www.citizensadviceEFD.org.uk](http://www.citizensadviceEFD.org.uk) or email [training@efcab.cabnet.org.uk](mailto:training@efcab.cabnet.org.uk)



**NHS – which treatments are worthwhile – give your views.**

Research evidence shows some interventions are not clinically effective or only effective when they are performed in specific circumstances. And as medical science advances, some interventions are superseded by those that are less invasive or more effective. Find out more [here](#).

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## MESSAGE FROM ESSEX POLICE

*Please note: this message was issued after the first public meeting in Loughton, but before last night's meeting.*

**Message from Essex Police** following concerns about groups of youths misbehaving in Loughton:

“We have been made aware of a number of posts recently in relation to groups of youths allegedly committing crime and anti-social behaviour around the [#Loughton](#) and [#Debden](#) area.

Not every incident that gets discussed on social media gets reported to us. Whilst we do trawl some groups and posts it would be impossible to solely gather all our intelligence from social media.

Positively, there were a number of incidents recently reported to us by you, the public, allowing us to respond in collaboration with BTP officers. The group were disrupted and an arrest made after one of the group was found in possession of a large knife.

The most important thing to take away from this is that we rely on public support (i.e reporting it to us) for us to respond. That may be an immediate blue-light response or it could take the form of a longer term problem to solve. The fact that we did have so many calls on Tuesday is really positive and we thank everyone who helped us to get there and deal with it.

It really is a case of the more we know about a problem, the more we can justify actioning it against competing demands. There are an array of tactics we use to tackle crime and we do try to publish as much good news as possible on our various social media outlets.

Unfortunately we can't always tell you what we're doing or what we've done as it would reveal our tactics. This is the reason why some of our posts can be fairly neutral but we are increasing our social media activity locally and are working hard to improve public engagement.

There is obviously a great deal of passion out there in local communities and as well as reporting crimes to us we would always welcome you to attend one of our public meetings. We also work closely with Neighbourhood Watch groups and would encourage you to join your local group. The groups have a conduit into our teams and we try to share information as best we can.”  
LRA works closely with Epping Forest Neighbourhood Watch and information is shared in both directions.

## **KEEP UP WITH THE NEWS BETWEEN OUR EMAIL BULLETINS**



**TWITTER: Follow us on Twitter at @LoughtonRA**  
**Not on Twitter? See our tweets at [www.loughtonresidents.org.uk](http://www.loughtonresidents.org.uk)**

**FACEBOOK: Like and Follow our Facebook page by going to**  
**[www.facebook.com/LoughtonResidents](http://www.facebook.com/LoughtonResidents)**

## **NOTES**

1. We expect to send out the next news bulletin on September 21<sup>st</sup>.
2. In the process of drafting these items and sending them by email, some links to websites or email addresses can be broken; you can get round this by right-clicking on the link and then clicking “open” or, if this does not work, by cutting and pasting the address into an email or browser as appropriate.
3. If a web address doesn’t work, or anything else is wrong, please let us know at [david.linnell@loughtonresidents.co.uk](mailto:david.linnell@loughtonresidents.co.uk)
4. LRA gives no warranty about, and will take no responsibility for, items or services offered – purchasers/users should make their own enquiries, and will be acting at their own risk.
5. To enlarge a picture, click on it and then drag one of the corners outwards
6. EFNW = Epping Forest Neighbourhood Watch

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