

St Laurence Focus

the focus is on the new Lib/Dem actually doing meeting the residents in this way!



A new look for an old friend

The St Laurence Focus, which has been delivered in St Laurence for many years has been given a make over.

The new look, new layout is modern and striking and is designed to make it more readable. Let us know what you think

Carole Roast

Editor

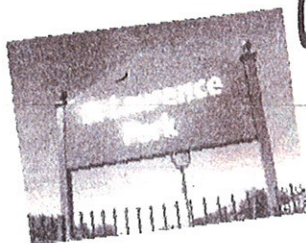


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Pedal Pushers

Carole & Ted support 'brands hatch' cycling idea



Local residents who gained Carole Roast's support to keep a new children's playground away from residential properties have told her how pleased they are with the new amenity, which is a very popular, well used park for children of all ages.



Carole Roast listens to local residents about local needs

Local children, who are using the area, have spoken to Cllr Ted Lewin and Focus Editor Carole Roast about further facilities that they would like. Their first choice would be 'a mini cycle track' built on the spare ground next to the playground. Carole and Ted are so impressed with the young people that have committed themselves to "push" the Council to do this.

So Ted and Carole are combining to become the "pedal pushers" on behalf of the youngsters and will be calling on the council to create a mini cycling Brands Hatch for young cyclists. After all why not? Southend is a cycling town, so surely it's best to start young.

How much is your local school getting?

Schools in Southend are benefitting from over £1,785,000 extra government money this year.

The extra money, targeted at the pupils with the greatest need comes, as a result of the introduction of the "Pupil Premium" a key Liberal Democrat pledge at the last election. The extra money is paid to schools based on the number of pupils they have who qualify for 'free school meals' or who are under the care of the local authority.

Cllr Ted Lewin said that he hoped schools would make the best use of this money. It is not ring fenced and can be spent how the Head Teacher wishes for those who need it most.

Schools in St Laurence Ward and the surrounding area	Number of qualifying pupils	Pupil Premium
Eastwood Primary	82	£35,260
Edwards Hall Primary	35	£15,050
Heycroft Primary	23	£9,890
Prince Avenue Primary	97	£41,710
Eastwood High	80	£34,400
Southend High Boys	12	£5,160
Southend High Girls	24	£10,320
Westcliff High Boys	10	£4,300
Westcliff High Girls	21	£9,030
Kingsdown School	19	£8,170
Figures provided by SBC		



Zebra Crossing needed!

Carole Roast met with local resident to discuss the need for a new zebra crossing in Manners Way near to the corner with Oaken Grange Drive.

Together with Ted Lewin the Council will be asked to investigate the residents requests and produce a recommendation.



Residents will have to put up with even more noise!

Carole Roast attended the planning committee recently to speak on behalf of local residents opposing the siting of air conditioning equipment by David Lloyds on their north boundary.

The application was agreed by the Development Control councillors even though the residents were already suffering from noise of the pool, keep fit classes and other installed equipment.

Local resident Eileen Grice, who thanked Carole on behalf of her neighbours, told her that they felt that another piece of equipment was the thin end of the wedge.

She was pleased though that Carole did get a promise that officers would request that David Lloyd install a row of trees to form a noise buffer.

on which Ted Lewin & Co

'Bridge over troubled junction'



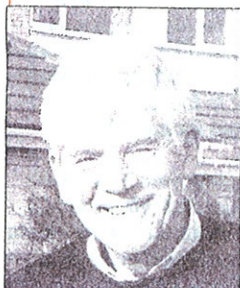
As Cabinet member and Portfolio Holder with responsibility for Planning & Transport, Cllr Flewitt could not find the time, effort or money to do anything to solve the "Kent Elms question" (although he will no doubt tell you he did). Now however, as one of Blenheim's new Councillors is a Tory, suddenly they are taking the LibDem efforts seriously and promising to do something! We wait with interest to see what will happen. Watch out for more campaigning from your LibDem councillor Ted Lewin and Focus Editor Carole Roast.

Not explained

Flying High

Lib Dem Council group Leader Cllr Graham Longley took the opportunity to talk to local government minister Bob Neil MP recently when he officially opened the new Southend Airport Railway Halt.

Whilst welcoming the new airlines, routes and facilities and the jobs this creates, Graham wanted to make clear to the government minister that night noise would remain unacceptable to residents of the area. Bob listened carefully to Graham's arguments and agreed that everything should be done to ensure a good living environment for residents.



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