



# Waltham Forest Civic Society

*To preserve the best and improve the rest.*



Walthamstow Bus Station

Sept/Oct 2009

## Newsletter

### Social Evening

**Thursday 17th September 2009 at the King's Head, Chingford from 7.30 pm**

Join your fellow Civic Society members for a social evening at the King's Head, a pleasant, historic pub with a good range of real ales. And Thursday night is curry night - curry and a drink only £5.95.



To get to the King's Head - National Rail to Chingford (10 minutes walk). Exit the station and turn left along Station Road. Cross on the zebra crossing and take the footpath half right between the Library and Chingford Green to emerge at the junction of The Ridgeway and Kings Head Hill. The King's Head is just across the road on the other side of the traffic lights. Or buses 97, 179, 212, 313, 379, 397, 444 stop close to the pub.

You can turn up on the night but if planning to attend please contact Bill Measure before Monday 14th September – email [measure@btinternet.com](mailto:measure@btinternet.com) or telephone 020-8558-5491. All Civic Society members and their friends welcome.

### Commitee



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### Events List

**Thursday 1st October, 7.30 pm**

– **The Olympics are Coming!** - see below.  
Leyton Parish Church, 35 Church Road, Leyton.  
**Please support this event. All welcome.**

**Thursday 29th October, 7.30 pm – Annual General Meeting.**

United Reform Church, corner Wallwood Rd and Fairlop Rd, Leytonstone.

**Sunday 15th November, 11 am – Bulb planting.**  
Jubilee Gardens, Leyton.

**Thursday 21st January 2010 – New Year Social.**  
venue to be confirmed.

### The Olympics Are Coming!

The Olympic Games in 2012 will have a huge impact on Waltham Forest and we need to make sure there are lasting benefits, not just a short-term tourist boom.

The Northern Olympic Fringe Master-plan proposes improvements to travel routes, businesses, open spaces and shopping areas in an area stretching from Lea Bridge Road to Leytonstone High Road and down to Stratford.

To find out more, come to hear speakers from the Olympic planning bodies at our meeting on 1st October – see the Events List for details.

The Northern Olympic Fringe Master-plan website address is:

[www.walthamforest.gov.uk/index/2012games/northern-olympic-fringe.htm](http://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/index/2012games/northern-olympic-fringe.htm)

### Other Events

**Sunday 20th September- Car Free Day.**

Leytonstone Town Centre. Music, stalls and other entertainment.

**Saturday 5th to Sunday 13th September - E17 Art Trail.** Various locations across Walthamstow.

A wide variety of art from Waltham Forest. Details in local libraries or on the website:

[www.e17arttrail.co.uk](http://www.e17arttrail.co.uk)

## Planning Watch 1

### Tesco Town

According to the local Guardian, Higham's Park residents are up in arms about the proposal to build a new Tesco store and "village".

Tesco's are trying to win over residents with ambitious plans for the site off Larkshall Road., and have a whole website where you can "fly through" the development ([www.highamsgreen.co.uk](http://www.highamsgreen.co.uk)). The Council is debating the plans on 8th September.

## Planning Watch 2

### Update on Cricket Ground

The Council hasn't given up trying to build a school on Leyton cricket ground, despite objections from the Charity Commission. The two bodies are meeting on 9th September when the Council will try to persuade the Commission that their plans are the only way to get a new school built and to maintain what will be left of the playing field.

The Leyton Triangle group dispute both these claims. If you wish to be kept informed, e-mail [wfcats@rocketmail.com](mailto:wfcats@rocketmail.com) or phone 07791 7741 60.

## Model Steam Rides

One of the best kept secrets of the borough is the two model railway tracks at the back of Ridgeway Park, Peel Close, off Old Church Road, Chingford. Every Sunday afternoon up to the end of September train rides are available at 50p. Contact [www.chingford-model-engineering.com](http://www.chingford-model-engineering.com) for running days.

*Ron Wortley-Millek*

### Contributions Please

Please send any feedback, comments, and contributions to me at

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or phone 0208 521 5789.

Deadline for the next edition is mid October.

## Arcade Site

The Arcade Site is finally opened up, although it does look very stark, with a large area of hard surface. A council spokesperson spoke to the Fight the Height group, saying,

"Soft landscaping would be very expensive if it were to be undertaken to the standard which Walthamstow Town Centre deserves."

The Council is consulting the public on the uses to which the site may be put. The options include performances, specialist markets and sports events.

If you would like to be part of this consultation, see the Council's website : [www.walthamforest.gov.uk](http://www.walthamforest.gov.uk).

## CPZ Zones

CPZs or "Controlled Parking Zones" are fast becoming a local issue. For residents close to Walthamstow Central, CPZs are generally welcome, because they foil shoppers and those commuting into town. Local businesses can buy permits, but most of these are not being used for "business" but for commuting to the office, leaving the cars littering the streets all day long.

In the Lloyd Park area it's a different issue. A CPZ has been introduced, to residents' delight, for some streets near the park. But with those streets out of bounds, many commuters apparently willing to walk the mile to the tube have simply moved on. Residents in surrounding streets to the new Lloyd Park CPZ weren't consulted at all. They woke up one morning to parking chaos without any warning.

Does this mean an eventual blanket of CPZs covering every street is the answer? With tighter rules about business permits? Or should we scrap all CPZ's? Chances are that every road would be a battleground for spaces.

For now, the answer seems to be to campaign to make sure that any CPZ that's proposed is widely consulted on, is appropriate, and doesn't just push the problem on.

*Simon Munk*