



tweets of the week

A selection of your comments on Twitter

@battersea_arts Thank you to everyone for all your incredible support, both over the past week and into the future. #BACphoenix

@MertonAndrewLCF If definition of an eclipse is sun being blocked from view then it's an incredible eclipse today in Wimbledon; can't see the sun at all

@MrJamie88 Millwall fans were actually class today, in my opinion the best fans to come to Griffin Park this season.

@martywoolford Congratulations @AidenObrien22 on your first goal in a Millwall shirt. First of many I'm sure #onaplate

@jenneyclair Been to see #WINK @Theatre503 for the third time — and every time another bit catches me in my throat

@toywithmemate Just witnessed someone get knocked down on Streatham High Road, 7 steps away from a crossing..... #ilovethegreenman

@KateSLP RIP our toaster. A relationship lasting about six years. In the end the spark just wasn't there...

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Other streets will suffer

AFTER reading about the proposed controlled parking zones (CPZ) proposed for some roads in the North Dulwich Triangle ("Views sought on parking controls", *South London Press*, March 20) it seems clear they will go ahead.

The Dulwich community council meeting on Tuesday, March 17, was probably well attended by residents living on the roads proposed as they had probably received some kind of communication about it.

I don't blame them for wanting a CPZ. Residents living in Casino Avenue, Sunray Avenue and parts of Red Post Hill (who live just around the corner from the proposed CPZ and are in the North Dulwich Triangle) have had no communication about this but will probably be the roads suffering from more parking problems when the



KNOCK-ON EFFECT: The junction of Red Post Hill and Casino Avenue

CPZs in neighbouring streets go ahead.

The same thing happened when Lambeth brought in CPZs for residents over the other side of Denmark Hill some time before last Christmas.

The Sunray Estate residents were suddenly confronted with hundreds more

cars appearing from King's Hospital, local schools and just anybody wanting to escape cheaper travel fares by bringing their cars to park in the area.

There's even some people who park up their cars, get their bikes out of the boot and cycle off!

The Sunray Estate has also had more cars wanting to park since the Denmark Hill Estate (just around the corner) painted more yellow lines a few weeks ago.

Roads in this area have effectively become one-way streets, especially in Red Post Hill, where the P4 and 42 buses have trouble coming up and down the hill and neighbouring Sunray and Casino Avenue residents are having to drive around to find parking places anywhere they can!

Fourteen years ago I would have said no to a CPZ but, unfortunately, in 2015 it would have to be a yes.

Kay Young
Casino Avenue

Recycling better for budget and planet

IN RECENT years, recycling rates across London have flat-lined and even fallen, while the incineration of waste has soared. The Mayor of London must wake up to this and to his failure to get new facilities built to reach his own recycling targets. The biggest new facility he has backed is a massive new incinerator in Sutton. This means we are missing a great opportunity to adopt greener technologies like anaerobic digestion, which turns food waste into clean energy and compost. Some boroughs such as Bromley, Harrow and Bexley are recycling near or over 50 per cent, but



other boroughs seem to have given up. Councils must learn to treat waste as a resource and not just burn as much as they can get away with. Given the funding cuts councils are facing, they should be more mindful of the cost implications of waste disposal. A tonne of general black bag household waste sent for burning costs £78, separated food waste for composting costs £41 and recycled waste £9 a tonne. Recycling makes good financial sense as well as being better for the planet.

Jenny Jones
London Assembly member, Green Party Group

WHERE IS ENTHUSIASM FOR WARD SEAT?

NOT content with the shortest surgeries in Lambeth, Cllr Christopher Wellbelove seems to be seeking a Parliamentary seat in Arundel, where he will be "bringing his enthusiasm and experience". Yet in Clapham many of us are yet to experience any "enthusiasm" from Cllr Wellbelove.

Indeed, he has been absent from a number of important Clapham-focused meetings, whether on late-night disorder or public transport.

It's all the more galling that Cllr Helen O'Malley was de-selected for Clapham Town for standing up for short-life tenants, yet the Clapham Labour Party has landed local people with a councillor who seemingly wants to represent a different area.

Arundel is lovely to visit, but if Cllr Wellbelove wants to represent it, he should have the decency to stand down from Clapham Town and allow people genuinely committed to Clapham to "bring their enthusiasm and experience" to the area.

Nick Biskinis by email

Benefits sanctions sending us back to Victorian times

BENEFIT Sanctions have doubled since 2006. The introduction of this degrading, poverty-inducing and unfair practice is contrary to the overriding duty the Government has to provide for the welfare of its most vulnerable people. Benefit sanctions go against the will of our post-war nation to provide for the health and happiness of its people. With measures such as these we, as a nation are slipping back into the pre-welfare state of reckoning the country's

worth based purely on profits and not the welfare of its people. Between October 2012 and June 2014, 49,000 lone parents and 182,000 disabled adults were subjected to benefit sanctions (Government statistics). Of these, some 3,471 lone parents and 18,197 disabled people were subjected to higher sanctions and had their benefits stopped for three months to three years. What kind of society are we that we allow this. While benefits are being

stopped, people are resorting (as they did in Victorian times) to charities such as the Trussell Trust food banks to stop themselves from starving. Between April 2013 and March 2014, 582,933 adults and 330,205 children received food and assistance from the Trussell Trust. We are in the 21st Century now and we should not have any children in the UK who have to resort to food banks for their survival. **Andrea Carey Fuller**
Lewisham

FILMS NOT FIT FOR PLACE OF WORSHIP

AS A conscientious Southwark resident I object in the strongest terms the advertised films via Camberwell Free Film Festival to be shown in Camberwell's St Giles Church crypt.

The nature of these films ("horror" and "zombie") are wholly inappropriate films to be publicly shown within the precincts of a sanctified Christian space.

Felicity Joseph
Peckham

DON'T FORGET



The clocks go forward at 1am on Sunday

Weather eye

Getting warmer but still cloudy with rainy spells. 13C max, 7C min. Staying overcast at the weekend.

For AA Roadwatch and weather services, call 84322 from a mobile or 0906 88 84322 from a landline. Calls cost up to 65p per minute.

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