

Tooting Graveney Ward Focus

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Mayor hikes tube and bus fares



Jamie Gillespie (centre) talks to Jeremy Ambache and Surinder Rhode outside Tooting Broadway station. "These fare rises are Boris's stealth tax on Londoners."

For the second year in a row Boris Johnson, the Conservative Mayor of London, is punishing Londoners with an inflation busting increase in fares. Overall, bus fares have risen by 12.7 per cent and Tube fares by 3.9 per cent - when inflation is only 1.1 per cent. Incredibly even a short bus journey involving just one change will set people back £2.40.

Boris Johnson boasts about freezing his share of the council tax bill, but his continual hiking up of fares means he is taking significantly more from the wallets and purses of hard up Londoners.

Focus team member Jamie Gillespie says, "Here in Tooting people use the buses and tube a lot. These increases hurt." At the same time Mayor Boris has been wasting money replacing bendy buses and on his "New Routemaster for London" project.

Liberal Democrats welcome lower council tax both here in Wandsworth and for the Mayor. "But the best way to keep council tax down is to stop wasting money, and not to implement stealth taxes like higher fares and parking charges," adds Jamie.

And meanwhile regulated train fares are being cut by 0.4%!

It's a 2 Horse Race

Lab
38%

Lib
Dem
31%

Can't
Win
Here



Con
24%

2006 Local Election Result Graveney

In Brief

Library to open 22nd Feb

The newly refurbished Tooting Library is scheduled to open on Monday 22nd February. The building work should finish in January, and the kitting out has now started. The council is also looking for volunteer helpers. Jeremy Ambache, who has been campaigning for the refurbishment since 2005, says, "This is a welcome new resource for the community."

Police stop heavy lorries

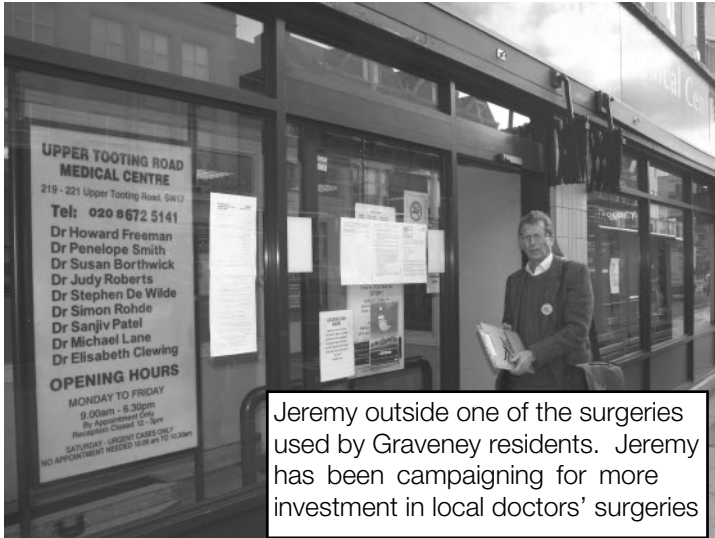
After the success of their operation in Rectory Lane in October, reported in November Focus, the police and council came back in late November, covering both **Rectory Lane** and **Church Lane**. This time they stopped and fined 24 over-sized vehicles, all in Rectory Lane. Surinder Rhode comments, "This action is welcome, but the number of lorries stopped shows there is still a big problem."

Council action

Following a Focus survey of **Coteford Street & Lessingham Avenue**, the council have asked their contractors to put safety lights on the street containers at night. They have also agreed to make safe the empty tree pits while they decide if they will replant them.

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Local doctors to get more funding



Jeremy outside one of the surgeries used by Graveney residents. Jeremy has been campaigning for more investment in local doctors' surgeries

Wandsworth NHS has agreed a plan to invest in local doctors' practices in Tooting over the next three years. Focus Team member Jeremy Ambache argued strongly for better services in local surgeries here in Tooting during the recent consultation exercise.

Jeremy, who has chaired the local patient watchdog Wandsworth LINK over the last year, says, "Residents here in Tooting may live next to a wonderful big hospital, but the statistics show there is a lot of unmet need compared to the rest of Wandsworth. I am convinced that the best way to meet these needs is by developing facilities in local doctors' surgeries." The Liberal Democrats argued strongly for this in their response to the consultation over local health services.

Jeremy says "We are delighted that NHS Wandsworth has agreed to exactly what we suggested. They are proposing a plan to develop GP practices in Graveney and Tooting over the next 3 years. We will publish detailed plans as they are agreed."



The Graveney Focus team has more complaints about fly tipping than anything else! Fly tipping is illegal, because people should be disposing of their rubbish through the proper facilities.

Many people have told us that they are fed up with rubbish being left on the pavement. During December Jeremy Ambache reported numerous plastic bags (as in the picture), a bed and even a boiler left on the street.

Jeremy says "If you want to report fly tipping do email us at graveney@wandsworthlibdems.org.uk phone the council on 020 8871 8558 option 3."

3 things to remember about the council elections in 2010

- 1 **Labour has let you down** their policies have failed for local people
- 2 **The Conservatives can't win** in the local elections in Graveney ward
- 3 **The Lib Dems are fighting for a better Tooting** from the small issues like pavements to the big issues like safety and policing



Here to help you!

Use this slip to let us know of any issues you would like the FOCUS team to take up.

Or email graveney@wandsworthlibdems.org.uk
Or phone 020 7223 8758

Name:

Address:

Phone:

email:

Return to: FREEPOST RSCJ-GKUT-HCTH, Graveney Focus, 14 Effort Street, SW17 0QR

Tooting deserves better!