

Delivered by volunteers

New Cross Labour News

2013
Autumn
Edition

Lewisham Together - fight to save hospital not over

Despite Court judgment

Local campaigners are hopeful that the High Court ruling that Health Secretary Jeremy Hunt acted unlawfully in deciding to downgrade Lewisham Hospital's A&E and maternity services will be upheld when he goes to appeal.

"We need to ensure we keep the momentum we achieved in the campaign," said Lewisham Deptford MP **Joan Ruddock** "so the Government is under no illusion that its cuts agenda will be opposed." The closures would have signalled the death-knell for the much loved hospital and served as a blueprint for hospital closures across the

country. The decision would have meant people with serious conditions not being treated at Lewisham A&E and reduced maternity services. Patients would have faced much longer journeys to other hospitals that are already overstretched.

Labour has been fighting hard for Lewisham Hospital, alongside staff, local GPs and the wider community. We've been right at the heart of the hugely successful Save Lewisham Hospital Campaign which has organised a march of 25,000 people and petition signed by 50,000.



Local campaigners at big march

Members choose Vicky

Local Councillor and Brockley resident Vicky Foxcroft was selected by Labour members in Lewisham Deptford as their new parliamentary candidate to replace Joan Ruddock who has announced she will be standing down. Joan Ruddock said 'Vicky was the overwhelming choice of members, she's hardworking and a great campaigner, she'll be an excellent MP'.



Vicky Foxcroft

Your new team for New Cross

Brenda Dacres and Joe Dromey are standing alongside experienced Councillor Paul Maslin and Mayor Sir Steve Bullock. Brenda's lived locally for 30 years and is a PTA secretary of a Lewisham secondary school & works within the I.T industry. Joe works for a charity and was previously a council officer & is a local school governor.



Joe, Brenda & Paul with Mayor Steve Bullock

The Great Tory Train Robbery: Campaigning for Fair Fares

Tackling the Cost of Living Crisis

Travel fares have rocketed under Boris Johnson, making London's public transport the most expensive in the world.

The cost of a single bus ride has increased by a whopping 56% under Boris - from 90p to £1.40. Prices for travel cards have also soared far above inflation.

Sadiq Kahn MP, Labour's Shadow Minister for London recently joined the local Labour team campaigning against the Great Tory Train Robbery at New Cross station. He slammed the Mayor's 'abysmal record on hiking fares.'

Joe Dromey, Council Candidate for New Cross said 'every year we see fares rocket, adding to the squeeze on living standards; this can't carry on.' Brenda Dacres,

also standing in New Cross demanded action; 'the Mayor and the Coalition are completely out of touch. If elected, we'll fight both for improved transport and for fair fares.'

Lewisham Labour's Councillors - including Paul Maslin - have long fought for better public transport including the extension of the East London Line. They recently secured improvements to New Cross Gate station which will make it accessible for disabled passengers.

Find out more about the campaign at

www.greattorytrainrobbery.co.uk.



Brenda, Vicky and Joe with Sadiq at New Cross Station

New Cross Fire station saved

Local Labour of New Cross, Telegraph Hill & Brockley led the fight to save New Cross Fire Station under threat from Boris Johnson's cuts. However, he was forced into a U-Turn.

Councillor Paul Maslin said 'I'm delighted he backed down. It's a great community victory and shows our commitment to save local services.'



Lewisham Labour fighting fire cuts

Join your local team

Councillor Paul Maslin said 'People from all backgrounds across Lewisham are supporting Labour. There are lots of ways you can get involved and it's good fun too.'

If you would like to help out please contact us using the details below. You can also join the party at:
www.labour.org/join



Brenda, Joe & Paul with Vicky

Three ways to get in touch

One Nation | Labour

labour.org.uk

☎ 07736 667 917 @ newcrosslabour@gmail.com 🌐 www.newcrosslabour.weebly.com

 Labour

Promoted by Damien Egan On behalf of Lewisham Deptford CLP, 155 Silverdale Road, London SE26 4SQ Printed by Anton Group Ltd, Anton House, Christy Way, Laindon, Essex SS15 6TR

 Please recycle