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Community pays tribute to Narendra Makanji

Hundreds commemorate the life of former Haringey councillor



Haringey Councillors pay their respects (left to right: host Doton Adebayo with Cllrs Emine Ibrahim, Adam Jogee, Peray Ahmet, Khaled Moyeed)
Credit Luchia Robinson

By Luchia Robinson

Hundreds gathered at the Bernie Grant Arts Centre to commemorate the life of former Haringey Councillor, Narendra Makanji, who passed away from a sudden heart attack, last month.

Family, friends, colleagues and comrades from the Labour party, paid homage to Mr Makanji, who

was a councillor for the Noel Park ward, Wood Green for 25 years.

Many speakers, including current Noel Park councillors: Emine Ibrahim, Peray Ahmet and Khaled Moyeed, spoke of how Mr Makanji supported their political careers, and the impact he had within the local community- which included opposing the National Front at the Battle of Wood Green in 1977.

Chair of the Bernie Grant Trust;

Whittington Hospital and the Selby Trust, Mr Makanji was also a trustee and board member to various other organisations and charities.

Sona Mahtani, former Chief Executive of the Selby Trust said: "He saved so many grassroots organisations, put their leaders back on track, and scolded those who ran scared, to protect their own reputations before community interests.

"Narendra, overall boosted the

people. He elevated the artists, the community organisers and the activists, and his message to us all was 'become good and known for what you do. Realise your own opportunity to make history- not just as individuals, but for Haringey, our community, and humanity.'

Mr Makanji was at the forefront of opposing racism; fighting for equality; and building and mobilising a network of black activists.

"Narendra believed in the politics of the movement, and not of the individual"

"Narendra's life story is a story of the fight against racism- out there on the streets, in the community, in the Labour Party, in the trade union movement, and internationally," said Unmesh Desai, London Assembly Member.

"Narendra believed in the politics of the movement, and not of the individual."

Narendra Makanji was pivotal in establishing Black Sections of Labour; a black self-organisation campaign that gave voice to the party's BAME (Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic) politicians.

"[Black Sections] came out of the 1980s uprisings. Nothing was given to us- we had to fight, we had to protest, we had to agitate- with Narendra at the head of it all," said Kingsley Abrams, former Black Sections Youth Organiser and National Secretary, and current General Secretary of Momentum Black Caucus.

"We wrote the black agenda- it wasn't just about getting somebody a seat, it was about articulating the

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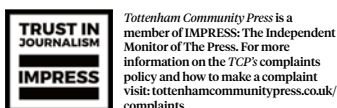
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Allan Nielsen joins the action at the new stadium during a Spurs Legends game against Inter Forever – go to page-7
By Stephen Furner

Hello and welcome to issue 22. This spring has seen many clean-up groups across Tottenham coordinate a series of events to spruce up our local parks and communal spaces, as part of the 'Great British Spring Clean'.

Volunteers from Tidy Up Tottenham, took part in the national campaign – hosting an event of their own. Team members from the group have written about what took place, and how much having a tidier Tottenham means to them (p.11).

Linked-up working has also been seen in local schools, where the police have joined representatives from Haringey Council, North Middlesex Hospital Trust and various organisations from the voluntary sector, to deliver training to teaching staff.

This training will enable staff members to potentially identify young people at risk of violence.

Inspector Paul Dwyer gives insight into the impact the prevention programme is having, on p.11.

Haringey Council has received funds to assist vulnerable families who may be caught up in youth crime related circumstances. Turn to page 4 to find out what this will involve.

With Tottenham Hotspur now back, we take a look at how their first few games have gone and what the club's return may mean for the wider area (p.6).

Spurs player Danny Rose has brought a new awareness to the matter of racism in the game, talking frankly about how it has personally affected him. The article on page 10 discusses what can be done to finally eradicate racism at all levels of the game; at home and internationally.

Club venue, The Cause has raised thousands of pounds for charities, Mind in Haringey and CALM (Campaign Against Living

Miserably), by hosting tribute events remembering the late Keith Flint, frontman of The Prodigy. In doing so, they have nationally celebrated the 90s rave scene, and drawn attention to issues of mental health and male suicide (p.7).

I hope you enjoy reading this issue. Your articles, photos, illustrations, listings, poems and more, are welcome for the next edition. Please send your contributions to tcp@socialspider.com for consideration.

Luchia Robinson, Editor

I am Paul Dwyer an Inspector in the Metropolitan Police with responsibility for Schools and Youth, aiming to reduce serious youth violence in Haringey. I grew up very near to Tottenham, and I spent many days playing football at White Hart Lane and boxing in Haringey. Community to me is people who

live, work or socialise in the same area – who work together to achieve improvements in their quality of life. I am passionate about reducing serious violence in Tottenham.

Insp Paul Dwyer, Contributor

I am a journalist, interested in bringing local government issues to the community. In a world full of click-bait headlines, social media trends and personalised marketing it is easy to get swept up in the national media. However, in my opinion, it is equally, if not more important, to be in tune with your local government. This is why I am contributing to the news section of *Tottenham Community Press*. I hope to be your eyes and ears in all council meetings, making sure you get the most from your local councillors.

Briony Pickford, Contributor

Families to receive support in fight against youth crime

Haringey Council receives funding to assist vulnerable families



Councillor
Mark Blake

By Luchia Robinson

A community programme that will support families with young people at risk, or actively involved in youth crime, has received £400,000 from the Ministry of Housing Communities

and Local Government.

Haringey council's Parenting Support programme will provide peer support networks by bringing parents of young people together, to advise and guide each other through issues affecting family life.

This support plan, which will

complement the existing Troubled Families programme, aims to target parents living in locations most affected by youth crime, and those who are less likely to access council services.

Voluntary sector-led workshops are to offer specialist support for

parents, with sessions taking place at schools across the borough and in local community venues.

Councillor Mark Blake, Cabinet Member for Communities, Safety and Engagement, said: "We cannot underestimate the importance of tackling serious youth violence at an early stage— we know a number of families feel isolated and desperately need support.

"Our new programme offers that support and will provide help for parents concerned about their child and their future. We have seen the devastating impacts youth crime can have on our community and we will do all that we can to help tackle it."

TCP discussed the issue with Claudine Duberry, founder of the organisation, Taking Positive Steps and author of the book *Guns, Gangs and the Implications for Social Workers*. Claudine believes proper funding of specialised grassroots organisations is necessary to engage parents and young people— as often these charitable resources provide targeted, cultural services to communities that statutory agencies

cannot always reach.

Claudine added: "There is a lack of understanding by many about the addiction of violence."

"There needs to be a tracking system of young people in the youth service and probation, to understand why it's a revolving door."

"[There should be] a review of the services that are already in place, to assess whether they are fit for purpose."

"Tottenham needs to look at what services, support and opportunities are provided, not only to those knee deep, but also those on the periphery of crime.

"Hold schools accountable for the number of children and young people excluded without a 'Community/Equality Impact Assessment', and look at the pupil referral units— how much money do they cost the borough and can this be better invested?

"[We should also] look at what support services are not provided to parents, before, during and after school exclusions, the pupil referral units and the justice system."

"We cannot underestimate the importance of tackling serious youth crime at an early stage"

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politics, the concerns, the aspirations- the attacks, the deportations [...] happening then."

Shadow Home Secretary, Diane Abbott spoke of Mr Makanji's work: "When Narendra and others of us were starting out as councillors, it wasn't easy, it wasn't accepted that we could bring the vibrant politics of race and diversity into the Labour Party, and Narendra played an extraordinary key role."

"[Narendra] was kind, he was hard working, he was principled, he believed in solidarity, and frankly, if there had been any justice, he would have been an MP for 30 years."

Although never an MP, Narendra Makanji was a supporter of those elected to advance the Labour movement, including the late Tot-

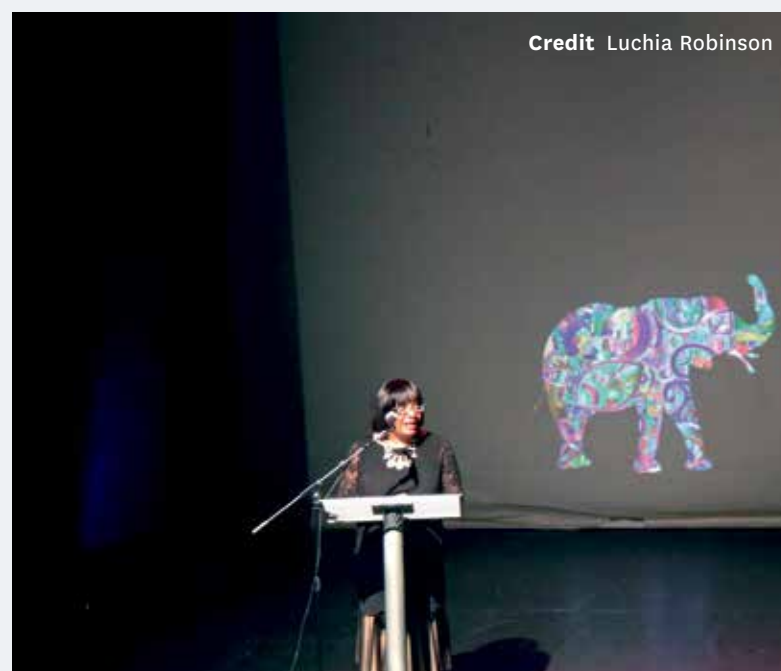
tenham MP, Bernie Grant, who he worked closely beside.

Shadow Chancellor of the Exchequer, John McDonnell described Mr Makanji as a man interested in the "development of an accountable and democratic economy which served the community."

Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn said: "I considered Narendra a very good, very close, and very loyal friend, in all circumstances.

"We are not going to see him again, or his like again, but we are, in a sense all the beneficiaries of his life, and we are all the better for knowing him— knowing his decency, knowing his principles, knowing his warmth and knowing the way that he inspired and encouraged others."

"Narendra was kind; he was hard working; he was principled; he believed in solidarity"



Credit Luchia Robinson

NEWS

Back to life

Creative businesses wanted for upcoming toilet restoration project



The soon to be restored, Bruce Grove toilets **Credit** Stephen Furner

By Briony Pickford

Haringey Council has advertised for creative and ambitious organisations to take charge of the Bruce Grove toilets renovation, which will see

the toilets brought back to life as a commercial space under the Tottenham regeneration programme.

The council, working alongside architects DK-CM and local community group, The Last Elm, plans to bring the building (which has been

vacant since the 1970s) back into use— using funds secured from the Greater London Authority's Good Growth Fund.

Geraldine Turvey of The Last Elm, (who lobbied the council for the renovation works to go ahead and

publicised the project) said: “Many members of the community, including myself, would like it to be used by a social enterprise or Community Interest Company (CIC), as those provide the best business models to allow profit back into the community.”

“The architects have a range of possible designs and are willing to work with businesses to make the space work.”

“It’s a great opportunity for a really novel, innovative organisation,” Geraldine added.

The council is focussed on the sustainability of the enterprise— advertising to tenants who have experience of running a commercially viable business.

It is hoped the Grade II listed landmark (which will maintain its existing architectural structure) will be a place that hosts community events and provides jobs for locals.

The Last Elm is now planning to improve the green space surrounding the toilets.

Geraldine said: “We are currently very engaged with Network Rail and we want to improve the embankment between the toilets and railway, [doing] some litter-picking and gardening— it would be lovely to turn it into something we can all appreciate.”

Housing support for families at risk of homelessness

Families at risk of becoming homeless will be protected, after Haringey Council agreed to cover a funding reduction to Discretionary Housing payments (DHPs), by central government.

DHPs are an emergency government fund, paid through local authorities, which can provide money to the least well-off households when the council decides that they need extra help to meet their housing costs.

This year, the government’s allocation to Haringey is £1,563,947— a 1.9% reduction on last year. However, Haringey’s Cabinet have agreed to fill the gap, ensuring support for local families stays the same. Haringey leader, Cllr Joseph Ejiofor, explained: “Austerity and government cuts continue to threaten some of the least well-off residents in our borough.

“At Haringey Council we are taking a clear, strong, stand by committing to protect Discretionary Housing Payments and to maintain support for households threatened with homelessness.

“This is the latest in a number of steps this administration has taken over the last year as we continue our committed work to make Haringey a fairer and more equal borough.”

Haringey's big earners

Haringey Council makes the 'Town Hall Rich List'

By Simon Allin,
Local Democracy Reporter

Data from campaign group The TaxPayers’ Alliance shows Haringey Council has seven employees earning more than £100,000— down from eight during the previous financial year.

These include the Chief Executive, the Director of Public Health and the Director of Housing and Regeneration Planning.

Four Haringey Council employees earn more than £150,000— down from six in 2016-17.

The ‘Town Hall Rich List’ reveals Essex had the highest number of top earners in 2017-18, with 55 workers on salaries of more than £100,000.

In London, Hackney and Lambeth

councils each paid 28 employees more than £100,000.

John O’Connell, Chief Executive of the TaxPayers’ Alliance, said: “The average council tax bill has gone up by more than £900 over the last 20 years and spending has gone through the roof.

“Disappointingly, many local authorities are now responding to financial reality through further tax rises and reducing services rather than scaling back top pay.

“Despite many in the public sector facing a much-needed pay freeze to help bring the public finances under control, many town hall bosses are continuing to pocket huge remuneration packages, with staggering pay-outs for those leaving their jobs.

“There are talented people in

the public sector who are trying to deliver more for less, but the sheer scale of these packages raises serious questions about efficiency and priorities.”

A spokesperson for Haringey Council pointed out that its pay bill for senior managers had fallen by £355,000 since 2016.

The spokesperson added: “In 2015, the bonus payment for senior managers was removed and since 2016 the pay award for this group has been paid at the same or at a lower rate as the rest of the workforce, which is nationally agreed.

“We have also been an early adopter of the London Living Wage, with the lowest paid workers receiving an increase in their basic pay in 2019 of 3.4%.”

“Since 2010, following central government funding reductions, Haringey Council’s core spending power has been reduced by £122 million in real terms— that’s 59% less coming into our council— and our workforce has been almost halved.

“This year— for the first time in nine years— Haringey raised council tax by 2.99%, adding 74p each week to the average bill.

“Alongside this, there is support for some of our borough’s least well-off families, with 100% relief through our council tax reduction scheme.

“We will continue to find ways of making our council more efficient and are committed to delivering the services we know our residents rely on.”

“We are taking a clear, strong, stand by committing to protect Discretionary Housing Payments”

In 2018/19, there were a total of 1,669 DHP awards made to 797 individual claimants whom were all at serious risk of becoming homeless because of financial hardship. Next year, that figure is expected to rise.

The decision to top up the DHP fund follows the council’s previous decision to make taxation fairer, by offering 100% relief for some of the least well-off families with children, through the Council Tax Reduction scheme.

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All welcome

Community discusses hostile environment policies

By Alastair Ball



Haringey Vox sing on the night **Credit** Haringey Welcome



Muscian, Rihab Azar plays the oud **Credit** Haringey Welcome

Around 150 local people and activists came together at The Engine Room in Hale Village, at the end of March, for an evening of music, drama and debate to oppose the government's hostile environment policies.

These are legislative measures designed to make living in the UK difficult for people without leave to remain.

The event, called *All Welcome*, was organised by Haringey Welcome, a local campaign for 'fairness, dignity and respect for migrants and refugees.'

Lucy Nabijou, campaign coordinator, said Haringey Welcome was: "Thrilled to see people of all ages and backgrounds celebrating the unique diversity of our borough."

A panel discussion on the effects of the hostile environment fea-



Cllr Ogiehor speaks to the attendees **Credit** Haringey Welcome

tured Cllr. Julia Ogiehor, Cllr. James Chiriyankandath, Gracie Bradley from Liberty and migrants' rights specialist Rockhaya Sylla.

The issue of people having no recourse to public funds—meaning they are unable to access certain welfare benefits or homelessness assistance from the council because of their immigration status, was raised.

Several comments from women with young children, led Cllr. Ogiehor to say: "At the basic level we are not meeting the requirements of a child." She also described the council's policies as "failing".

All Welcome follows on from Haringey Welcome's campaign to get the council to adopt a welcoming statement, encouraging support for migrants and non-participation

in the hostile environment.

A short theatrical piece called "My Name Is", devised by refugees and migrants who had attended workshops run by LegalAliens theatre, was presented on the night.

Lara Parmiani, LegalAliens's artistic director said: "We're trying to get rid of the label migrant. They are just people living here."

She added: "[Workshop participants] want to be themselves and assert their identities."

The night also featured a performance from Syrian oud player, Rihab Azar and singing from Haringey Junior Vox.

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High Court battle

Latin village traders plan to launch legal fight

The Save Latin Village campaigners aim to launch a High Court challenge to stop the demolition of the Seven Sisters, Wards Corner market site—the second largest concentration of Latin businesses in the UK.

The BAME tenants are fighting to challenge the CPO (Compulsory Purchase Order), which was placed

on the market in January, so that the Latin Village can remain a cultural hub for the traders and the wider Latin community.

Haringey Council has allotted the Latin traders an alternative market site, following the demolition of the existing one, however, the United Nations who have intervened in the matter have said: "The local

authorities involved in the project had failed to adequately assess and mitigate the impact of the project on the cultural rights of minorities, including children."

The market traders are raising funds for the High Court battle. They have an alternative, community plan for the development of Wards Corner, should an appeal be successful.



The Latin market **Credit** Luchia Robinson

NEWS

Spurs return

By Luchia Robinson



David Ginola greets the crowd
Credit Stephen Furner

Tottenham Hotspur are back and settling into their completed stadium on the High Road, after two years playing at Wembley whilst construction works took place. Last month's initial test matches in the new 62,062 capacity ground

gave an indication of what match-days would be like. The first saw the Under-18s team play against Southampton, whilst Spurs players from the recent past, including, Pascal Chimbonda, David Ginola, Allan Nielsen, Stephen Carr and Robbie Keane, stepped onto the

new pitch, to take on Inter Forever, in the Spurs Legends test game. The stadium's grand opening ceremony, and the inaugural team match – a 2-0 win against Crystal Palace, took place just days later. Speaking of the development of the stadium and its role in the regeneration of Tottenham, Chairman, Daniel Levy said: "The word regeneration is often used. It's important to understand what we mean when we use it. "We see it as bringing hope, prosperity and uplift to Tottenham, embracing the local community, building on the character and talents of the area. Our vision is that our neighbourhood is a prosperous, mixed community. If you live here, you should be able to study, work and play here.

The prospect of an economic boost to Tottenham has been reflected by Haringey Council, as leader, Cllr Joseph Ejiofor has said: "The stadium will provide hundreds of jobs for residents and provide a major economic boost to local businesses. Our number one priority is that this stadium works for our residents and we will contin-



Credit Stephen Furner

ue to work with the club to ensure people in Haringey feel the benefits of this fantastic destination." The stadium and surrounding area, known as the Northumberland Development Project, covers 20 acres of land, and has relocated businesses in order to facilitate the construction of the stadium, a college, a school and shops on the site. Tottenham Hotspur has been at the forefront of the development taking place throughout Tottenham, and further investment is set to transform the High Road and surrounding areas over the coming years.

"Unlike any developer, we are not here to develop, take a profit and leave," says Daniel Levy. "We are here for the long-term. This is our home." It appears Spurs return home has boosted the team's mentality, affecting their performance, as the team has made it through to the Champions League semi-finals for the first time in their history. Having won the first leg, a home game against Manchester City 1-0, the second leg, played at the Etihad, ended 4-3 to City – propelling Spurs through to the semi-finals, 4-4 on away goals.



Spurs legend Jürgen Klinsmann
Credit Stephen Furner

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Footballer Danny Rose calls out racism in the game

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For the greater cause

Fundraiser raises awareness of mental health and male suicide, in Tottenham and nationwide



Co-Founder, Stuart Glen Credit Luchia Robinson

By Luchia Robinson

"The news affected everyone here. There wasn't anyone here that didn't know who he was, or who didn't absolutely love The Prodigy, at some stage in their lives," said Asher Wiener, Manager at club venue, The Cause – speaking of the passing of Keith Flint, frontman of rave band, The Prodigy – who died by suicide in early March.

"I think we all had this exact same feeling over it, and on top of that, because of it being a suicide, it is extremely relevant to The Cause – us being people that are trying to push positivity in mental health – trying to bring light to that issue. It meant a lot to all of us."

In tribute to Keith Flint, and to raise awareness of male suicide, The Cause team decided to host a one-night fundraiser at the 400 capacity, industrial venue in Ashley Road, Tottenham Hale.

The immediate response to the March event, saw it selling out within an hour.

"It was literally like going back in time. Somebody decided to donate thousands of pounds' worth of lasers

to the event that we could use, so [we] really put loads of production into it. It was completely over the top for the size of the room – everybody crawled out of the woodwork and came down early, and just danced and got involved," said Stuart Glen, Co-Founder, The Cause.

Seizing upon the success of the tribute night, Stuart was compelled to reach out to a network of promoters, proposing the idea of holding co-promotion, Prodigy tribute nights in venues across the UK (which included Leeds, Aberdeen and Sheffield) – for what would be the 'Music for the Jilted Generation' tour – named after The Prodigy's 1994, second studio album.

"We worked with an agency called NLA Artists who sourced DJs across the whole tour to play for nothing. They all [gave] up their time, and [drove] from out of town to come and play.

"A lot of them had shared line ups with The Prodigy before, or supported them, so it was nice to bring that old kind of 90s type rave vibe back, in such a positive way," said Stuart.

Headliners, including Slippmatt, A Guy Called Gerald, Renegade Soundwave and Daz from 808 State,

provided throwback, dance music experiences, alongside acts, local to each city on the eleven-date tour.

"It wasn't centred on 'how can I make my party the best?', it was on 'how can we all work together and try and do something really great?'" said Asher.

"That whole 'gives you faith in hu-

manity' type scenario – this [was] one of them.

"It's amazing not only seeing people actually attending these events, because that itself is something that is special – it's just everybody getting together, even though knowing that their time spent on it, is not going to earn them any money necessarily."



Asher, Manager, The Cause Credit Luchia Robinson

With the tour having raised over £17,000 for charities, Mind and CALM, the team at The Cause are continuing to plan and coordinate projects at their Ashley House site – where they will be based until January 2020.

The club space, which was always intended to be a temporary fixture, will then move elsewhere, as development works take place in the Tottenham Hale area.

"We were originally told we would be here guaranteed until August, and that it might roll on," said Stuart.

"The fact that we've got to January – I know is not very long, but it feels like a slight relief.

"It gives us a bit more breathing space to make it work, and to try and find a new home – if we can find a space – which is the challenge."

"When we started, we said we wanted to support charities, [...] although [in this case] it has taken a tragedy for everybody to unite, it feels good that we've actually managed to raise awareness and raise some funds from whatever resources we've had.

"The path that we've done it, has changed a little bit, but it's really good to achieve it."

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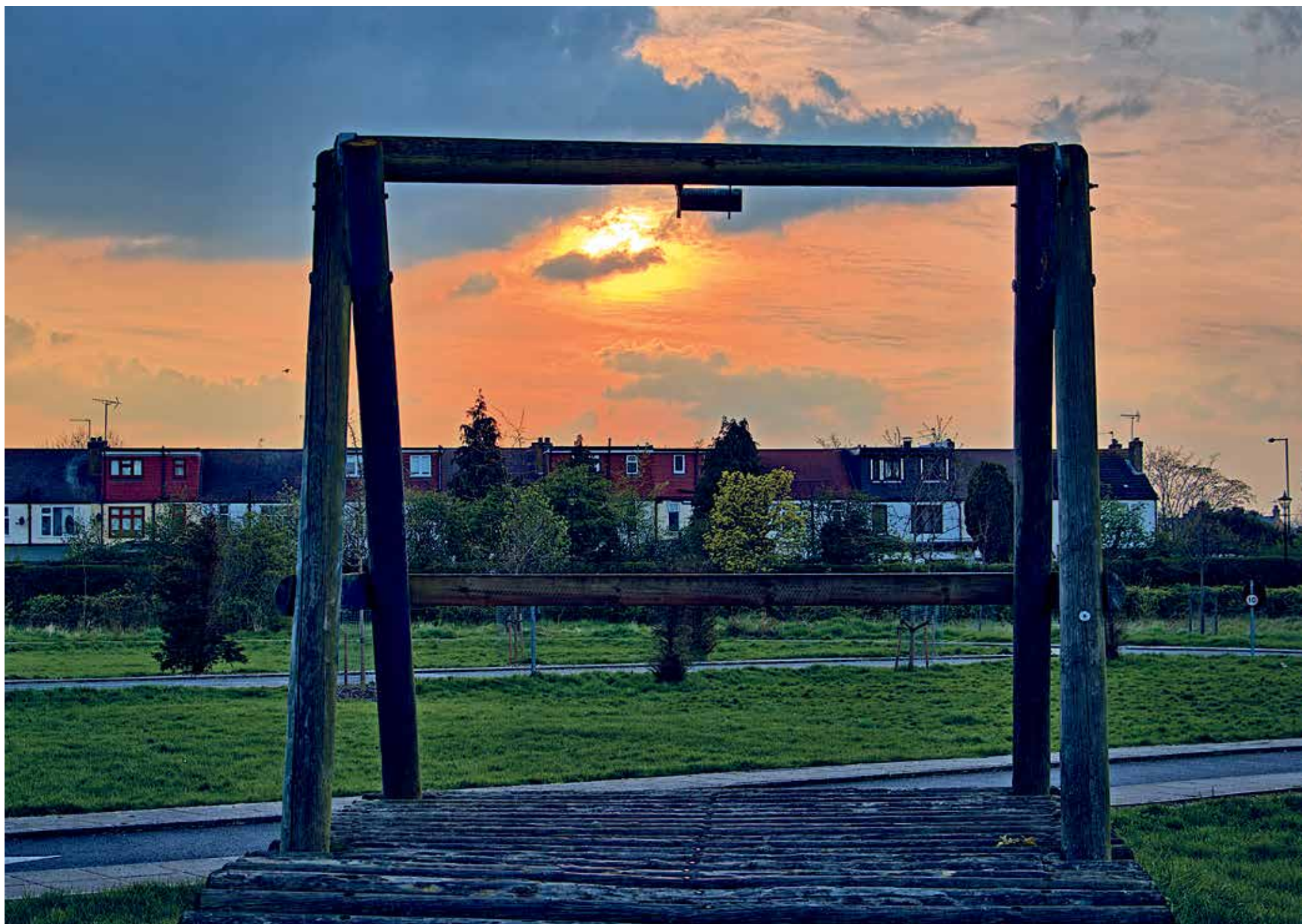
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FEATURE

Enough is enough: kicking racism out of football

Footballer Danny Rose calls out racism in the game



Danny Rose playing for England in the World Cup 2018 **Credit** Wikicommons

Tottenham defender Danny Rose says he “can’t wait to see the back of football” after monkey chants were directed at him during the England and Montenegro Euro 2020 qualifier, in Podgorica, in March.

This is not the first time Rose has been subjected to racist abuse, (notably whilst playing in Serbia, in the England Under-21 team), and he doubts Montenegro will receive a significant punishment from governing body UEFA, when they face disciplinary action on 16th May.

“How I programme myself is that I think I’ve got five or six more years left in football, and I just can’t wait to see the back of it,” said Rose.

“Seeing how things are done in the game at the minute, you just have to get on with it.”

In a well timed move, Middlesex University held a debate discussing racism in football on Monday 25th March– the night of the Montenegro match.

Speakers highlighted the process footballers go through proving they have been racially abused, and the conflicts that often surround this, including the underlying expectation

for players to put up, shut up, and carry on, for the sake of their careers.

Football equality and inclusion organisation, Kick it Out reports that in 2017/18 there were 214 incidents of discrimination in the professional game, 201 on social media and 105 in grassroots football.

Chris Paouros, Co-Chair of Proud Lilywhites (the official LGBT+ Tottenham Hotspur Supporters Association) and Pride in Football (the alliance of LGBT+ fan groups in the UK) believes a “whole game approach– from grassroots, to the Premier League; top down and bottom up” is needed to address the issue.

At present, the minimum punishment a club can receive for racist abuse is a partial stadium closure. A match played behind closed doors and a fine of 50,000 euros (£42,000) is the result of a second offence.

Danny Rose says he had the support of England coach, Gareth Southgate, and Tottenham manager, Mauricio Pochettino is reported in *The Guardian* as saying: “If I feel the abuse and I hear it, then out– stop.”

“There is nothing more important than to stop that. You can win or you can lose a game but we cannot be hypocrites with this.

“There is nothing more important in this life than to protect the values and principles. When this type of situation happens, football is not important. If that happens and I am conscious about it, I am the first to say: ‘Stop, we are not going to play. Come on inside.’”

Whether or not footballers decide to stop play; post their upset on social media, or are supported off the pitch by individual managers– expectations for change from senior levels appears to be low.

“When countries only get fined what I probably spend on a night out in London, then what do you expect?” said Rose.

What adequate punishment should governing bodies enforce?

Taiwo Oniti, Middlesex Sports Development officer, said: “At some point there’s going to need to be some action where you take away points from teams– make those at the top feel accountable, because the only way they are going to feel it, is if it stops a

few zeros on the end of a pay packet.”

“That’s when they’ll really start to see the issue as a big problem, and start to combat it. Until you start hurting the people at the top, I can’t imagine something’s going to happen collectively to bring about a collective change.”

Troy Townsend, Mentoring and Project Leadership Manager for Kick It Out, believes a culture of racist attitudes in football can be shifted if footballing bodies listen to how abuse received on the terraces affects the wellbeing of the players, and take prompt action. Also if the public holds these governing authorities to account; and if clubs accurately reflect the communities they are grounded in, locally and at board level.

“Football just needs to get tough. It needs to stop accepting the fact that these fans are doing it. Hold the fans accountable, hold the clubs that allow the fans into their stadium accountable, and let’s start to advocate change,” said Townsend.

“Players are now recognising the

By Luchia Robinson

power of their own voice. Their voice normally gets sanitised.

“Players have realised that ‘hold on, the power is not with the game and the authorities anymore, if we don’t play, there’s nothing to watch.’”

“The words of Raheem Sterling have empowered players, full-stop. The words of Lukaku have empowered players.”

Townsend added: “We’re on the real cusp of something where players are going to take ownership– they are not going to accept the situations that are continuing to happen.

“Whilst I disagree with the forming of a ‘black group’ as such, I can understand why black players would group together and say ‘you know what, the game has not looked after us– we’ll look after ourselves.’”

“One message from a Pogba, a Lukaku, it doesn’t matter who it is, would send reverberations around the game.”

2019 marks Kick It Out’s 25 year. To find out more about the campaign organisation: Visit kickitout.org

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The panel leads the discussion on racism in football. (From left to right: Dr Akile Ahmet, Chris Paouros, Darren Johnson, Rakim Richards, Troy Townsend, Taiwo Oniti.) **Credit** Luchia Robinson

COMMUNITY

Working together to combat youth violence

Police train school staff to identify young people at risk



School staff receive training **Credit** Metropolitan Police

By Inspector Paul Dwyer

My name is Paul Dwyer and I am the Schools and Youth Inspector for North Area Police, which encompasses Haringey and Enfield.

For me the number one priority

is youth violence. To that end, I recently got in touch with all the headteachers in Haringey and soon realised that many teachers have no real training in how to identify if their pupils are at risk of gang membership or are carrying knives.

I decided to organise a series of free

training sessions where the police and a panel, including representatives from North Middlesex University Hospital NHS Trust, Haringey Council and the third sector, would take school staff through real life incidents. These scenarios cover a lot of ground including how a pupil

may start behaving differently; how to deal with knives discovered at school, and what actions to take in the event of a critical incident.

The first session in Haringey took place at Park View Academy in January and was very well received. The head of Park View Academy, Ella Clarke said: "Our staff now feel better informed in how to handle difficult incidents."

Another panel member Dr. Clara Oliver, the trauma lead at North Middlesex Hospital said: "As an Emergency Medicine Consultant working in a busy London Hospital, I was pleased to help deliver joint training sessions with the Metropolitan Police and voluntary organisations to local schools in Haringey and Enfield, focusing on the growing problem of knife crime and youth violence in London."

I am currently concentrating on ensuring that representatives from every school in Haringey, and ultimately the North Area, will attend at least one session; I have scheduled a programme of events for one a month to be hosted at different locations.

Tottenham experiences its own share of youth violence, so we are very happy to be doing this here.

My definition of success for this project will be a real uplift in joint working and information sharing between all parties who play a part in young people's lives.

I want to increase the number of early referrals to help youngsters out of difficulties. It could be a referral to the police or mental health workers, or family support staff or NHS practitioners; whichever it is, teachers are very well placed to notice the first changes in behaviour.

Resulting from this training so far, I personally know of nine individuals in the North Area who have been identified as being at risk and have been referred to relevant agencies. These individuals have agreed to seek our help to exit the gang lifestyle.

Thorough conversations between trained professionals and those at risk mitigates the possibility of wrongful profiling which, of course, no one wants.

The good news is that demand for this training amongst schools is high, which is great to hear.

The next Haringey event will be at St Francis de Sales primary school in Tottenham on Wednesday, 1st May

Tottenham spring clean

Community gets together to tidy up Tottenham

By Anthony Flaum and Emma Geraghty, Co-Founders, Tidy Up Tottenham

Isn't it refreshing to have a bit of a spring clean? We at Tidy Up Tottenham are doing just that!

This year, over 500,000 people took part in the 'Great British Spring Clean' campaign (coordinated by Keep Britain Tidy). Last month our resident-led community group, Tidy Up Tottenham were proud to host our own event at Tottenham Green Market.

Our aim was to help plan and publicise a series of events in Tottenham which tied in with the campaign. It grew to include a clean-up at Bruce Grove Primary School, and now, following the success of this event, we have had contact from other schools in Tottenham, that are keen to be involved.

As a result, we are planning a programme of school assemblies and litter picks to reach as many children and families as we can. The Spring Clean continues!

The event, which was financially supported by Veolia UK's Recycling and Regeneration fund, included: a litter pick, 'rubbish' art workshops, 'rubbish' story-telling and free pot plants from our green-fingered friends, Grow Tottenham.

We also worked with other like-minded groups, many of whom host regular clean-ups and do wonderful work in their respective areas—Beautiful Bruce Grove and Friends of: Bruce Castle Park, Tower Gardens, Chestnuts Park, Downhills Park and Tottenham Green.

Over 150 local residents came out in support of the events across Tottenham, and many were support-

ive online, if they could not physically attend an event themselves.

The appetite for tidying up Tottenham is huge and we want to channel that energy into positive focused action, working with residents, businesses and the council towards a common goal.

Our movement is relevant to anyone who lives or works in Tottenham and wants to see the area prosper.

We will continue to lobby the council for policy change, but we also believe that keeping our environment tidy is the responsibility of residents and businesses as well. This is why we want to reach out to local businesses and schools to try and spread the message that we love our streets, but hate litter.

Together, we will tidy up Tottenham!



Keeping Tottenham tidy **Credit** Tidy Up Tottenham

For more details about how you can become a street champion:

Visit tidyuptottenham.org

Visit facebook.com/groups/tidyuptottenham

EVENT

Get your engine running

Spurs legend kicks off the Engine Run

By Andrew Johnston



Catch me if you can **Credit** Douglas Cox

Next month will see Tottenham Hotspur ambassador and legend, Gary

Mabbutt blow the starting whistle for the second Engine Run– Tottenham's 10k running event.

The Engine Run takes place on Saturday 15th June starting from Hale Village. The course is two laps

of Tottenham Marshes, north and south of Stonebridge Lock.

Last year, Sam Jackson won the Men's race in 37 minutes and 51 seconds and Santa Putnina came first in the Women's race, in 50 minutes 48 seconds.

Organised by the team from The Engine Room (the community centre and local charity on Hale Village), in partnership with Anthology London; Lee Valley Estates and Lee Valley Regional Park; the Engine Run raises important funds for work in the community.

This includes holiday and after school clubs for local children, and a range of events throughout the year.

Former 1991 FA Cup, club captain, Mabbutt will also be awarding prizes to the winners of the race.

The Engine Room has worked successfully with Tottenham Hotspur over several years and this year the Tottenham Hotspur Foundation will again be holding the Spurs Walk on the same day, starting from The Engine Room, after the running event takes place.

Father Andrew Williams, Chair of The Engine Room charity says: "We are really excited about this year's Engine Run. We had such fabulous feedback last year, with so many people finding Tottenham Marshes for the first time!

"This year the course will be in view of the new Tottenham Hotspur Stadium and we are hoping for another great day with former captain Gary Mabbutt."

If you would like to sign up for The Engine Run:

Visit entrycentral.com/theenginerrun

Anyone who is willing to marshal on the course please call Andrew Johnston on 07957 193922

If you would like to take part in the Spurs Walk just come to The Engine Room on Lebus Street, Hale Village by 11.00am on Saturday 15th June.

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PROGRAM

Music Workshops will be hosted by the following Artists and industry specialists: Alan Noel Weekes (Aswad), Dennis Bovell (bass, Mafumbe), Carrol Thompson (Queen of lovers rock), Carl Gentles (keyboard, Lee Scratch Perry), Ray Carless (saxophonist, Skaville Allstars), BB Seaton (Gaylads), EddyMan (founder, Easy Street Studios), Michael Fuller (Music Lawyer)

VISITORS

will come away from the exhibition with a good historical grasp of how Reggae Music merged from the Island of Jamaica and evolved into the most liberating and enlightening music genre in the world.

UNESCO recently recognised the positive contribution that reggae music has made to world heritage status. The Rhythm of Life Reggae Exhibition will show how the voices of the marginalised and dispossessed in Jamaica have been adopted

by various cultures and societies from all around the world, and illustrate the importance of why we all work so hard to keep Reggae Music alive.

Curators for the Exhibition include Reggae Historian Mandigo of Reggae World, African Simba of Drum Beat Records, Uncle Sid Baseem, Bobo El Numero Uno of Supreme fm

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• Dancers
• Drumming
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ENTRANCE: £5 Adults, £3 Under 12s
Transport: Buses 341 & 67, Underground Sisters

Opening hours: 2pm to 10pm

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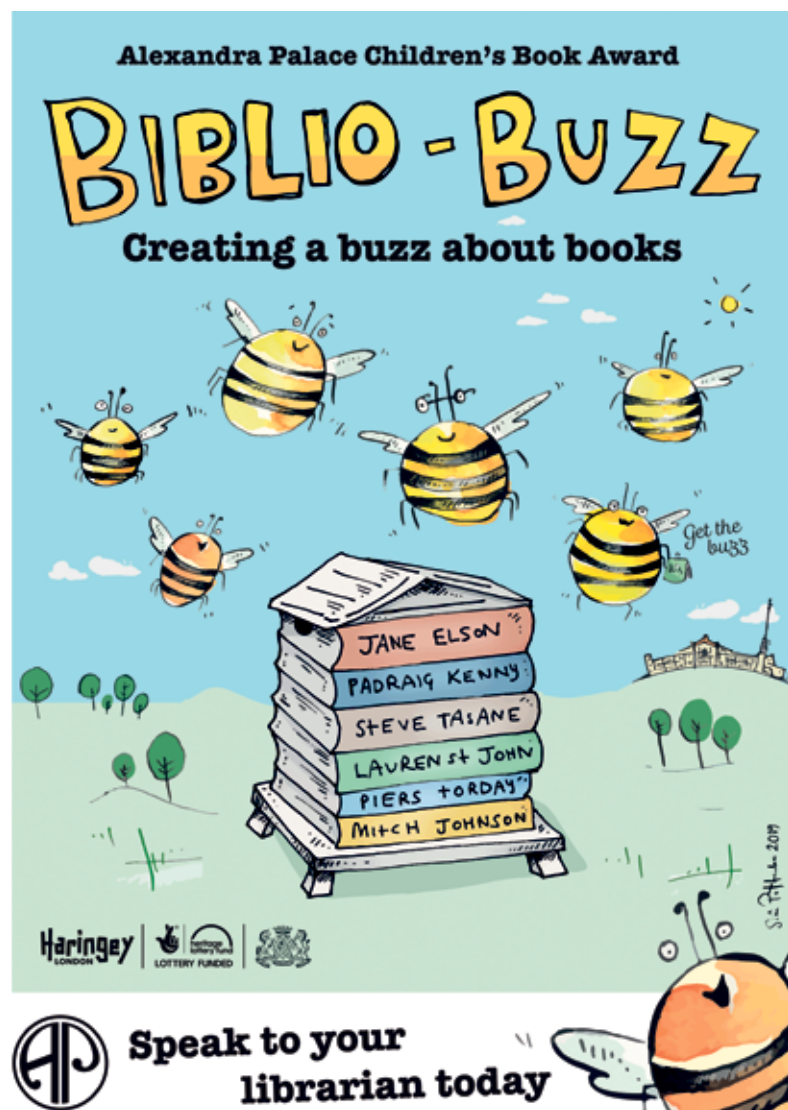


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Buzzing about books!

Local children's book specialist Helen Swinyard tells us about a book award she founded five years ago – now the Alexandra Palace Children's Book Award!



Poster designed by Sian Pattenden

Last month saw the first *BiblioBuzz* – the Alexandra Palace Children's Book Award take place in the recently restored theatre; the new home of what was formerly known as the Haringey Children's Book Award.

Originally founded by myself and supported by local school librarians, bookshops and other bookish locals, the annual award saw a handful of recently published books read by various primary and secondary schools across Haringey, and an author-studded ceremony, where the winning book was revealed.

The award was so popular that it outgrew the space of a school hall, but in essence, the event is the same; it brings local children together to share fantastic books and meet the

authors who write them.

The Alexandra Palace Children's Book Award has moved it up a level, hosted in this magnificent building by their dedicated in-house team, with a ceremony compered by the magnificent local author, Michael Rosen. More children from inside and outside Haringey can now take part, because of the huge venue!

There were two ways local children could vote – via schools across North London or in Haringey libraries. The school vote winner was *Will You Catch Me?* by Jane Elson.

"Alexandra Palace was always 'the magical place at the top of the hill', so winning *The Alexandra Palace Children's Book Award* for *Will You Catch Me?* has been like a fairy tale come true," said Jane.

The Haringey library vote winner was, *Child I* by Steve Tasane, who said: "It felt as if we were all winners, simply by being on the receiving end of this *BiblioBuzz*."

Other shortlisted books were, *The Lost Magician* by Piers Torday, *Kat Wolfe Investigates* by Lauren St John, *Kick* by Mitch Johnson and *Tin* by Padraig Kenny. All the books come highly recommended (and I should say this, since I helped to choose them all in the first place).

Will You Catch Me?



Set in North London, this is an honest and affirming story of Nell and her relationship with her mum (who drinks too much alcohol) and her namesake Nell Gwynne, one of the first London stage actresses. Nell uses the school play to try and connect with her absent father.

Will You Catch Me? has been endorsed by NACOA, the National Association for Children of Alcoholics.

Child I



Utterly compelling, *Child I* is the topical story of a young person living

in a refugee camp, whose identity is reduced to being *Child I* (all the children are named A,B,C etc.) *Child I* poetically tells us the story of their life and that of their friends too.

The Lost Magician



The beautiful story of Narnia re-imagined. A group of children, evacuated to the countryside during World War Two, discover the magic of stories (see TCP November 2018 edition for a full review).

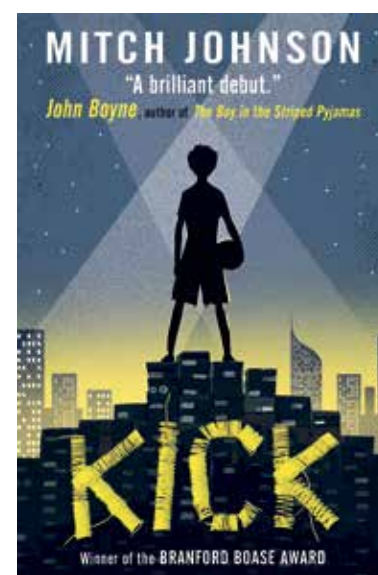
Kat Wolfe Investigates



After Kat Wolfe and her mum relocate from London to the countryside, Kat sets up a pet-sitting agency, only for it to turn into a crime-solving agency too! First in a series – the second has just been published.

Kick

Budi stitches football boots in a factory for a living, but dreams of wearing them on the pitch like his footballing heroes. Will his circumstances prove too powerful to achieve his dreams?



Tin

What does it mean to be truly human? Follow Christopher as he navigates a fantastical journey of discovery on an adventure into the world of Mechanicals.



It is really difficult for me and the other local librarians to choose our favourite books each year for the award!

What should be on the shortlist next year? Tweet @HCBA_Haringey with suggestions of UK published books of the last 3 years, aimed at 8-12 year olds!

Want to read all the shortlisted books? You can get copies in your local Haringey Library, or a pack of all six for only £35 from children's bookshop Pickled Pepper Books by quoting TCPBiblioBuzz2019.

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Upcoming

The Black Market & Film Festival
Saturday, 4th May 2019, 12pm–9pm
West Green Learning Centre, Parkview Academy, West Green Road N15 3QR

The 16th Black Market & Film Festival showcases, exposes and connects Black cultural and creative entrepreneurs to the community, providing a platform to sell their products, promote their skills and engage with locals. There will be over 40 stalls showcasing African arts and crafts, jewellery, fashion, skincare, hair care, food, books and more!

For stall enquiries to host a stall, please email with details of your business and what you would like to exhibit. No food vendors
Email info@blackhistorystudies.com

Tour of Townscape Heritage Initiative, North Tottenham
Sunday 5th May, 11.00–12.30pm
Meet outside White Hart Lane Station, White Hart Lane N17 8HH

Guided tour around the outside of 14 properties recently restored by Haringey Council with grants from the Heritage Lottery Fund. We will also look at the new shallow rain gardens (Sustainable urban Drainage Systems or SuDS). Join us for a drink or meal afterwards at The Antwerp Arms– north London’s first community pub, on the edge of the beautiful Bruce Castle Park.

For more details:
Visit tottenhamcivicsociety.org.uk
Email: joyce.rosser13@gmail.com
Call 020 8347 7684

Karaoke Night
Friday 10th May, 7.30pm–late
Haringey Irish Centre N17 8DX

Fundraising karaoke night in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. Buffet, raffle and much more! DJ Nick Denny will be on the decks.

£10 in advance/£15 at the door
For more information and tickets:
Call 07878 8711 969 (Cindy)

Young Londoners Fund Information Event
Monday 13th May, 2.00–5.00pm
Selby Centre, Selby Road N17 8JL

If you are a youth organisation seeking funding for activities, this information event will give you the details necessary to access Round two of the Young Londoners Fund.

To book tickets:
Visit heynetwork.co.uk/events
Email seema@selbytrust.co.uk

Tracing Paces
Saturday 18th May, 12pm–4pm
Ashley House, Ashley Rd, Tottenham Hale N17 9LZ

Contemporary dance performance ‘Tracing Paces’ will take over Grow Tottenham with a family friendly immersive event. The events lined up represent a range of creative responses to the garden from five artists who have been collaborating over the past four months.

Free with optional fundraising throughout for future projects:
Visit facebook.com/tracingpaces
Email tracingpaces@gmail.com

Life Drawing Course
Saturday 18th May, 12.30pm–5pm
The Beehive Pub, Stoneleigh Road N17 9BQ

This one-day course will be an excellent introduction to life drawing– suitable for complete beginners as well as those who have some basic drawing experience. In four hours you will get started and guided through a sure-safe method with plenty of one-to-one tuition from a professional tutor. We will cover proportion, foreshortening, measurement and line. The course aims to improve your observational skills and confidence in drawing.

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Website tottenhamartclasses.co.uk
Email info@tottenhamartclasses.co.uk

45th Anniversary Of Lemuel Findlay Supplementary School Fundraising Dinner, Show And Dance
Saturday 25th May, 6.00pm–11.45pm
The Dream Centre, Tottenham Town Hall N15 4RY

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River Moselle Walk I
Sunday 26th May (25th May–2nd June is London Rivers Week)
Meet at: 11am Queen’s Wood Café N10 3JP

This walk will cover the four miles from Queen’s Wood, through Crouch End Open Spaces, Priory Park, Hornsey, New River Estate and Noel Park conservation area ending at Lordship Recreation Ground where there will be a special launch event to celebrate the publication of the third edition of *The Moselle* walk booklet and the recent works undertaken to improve the river’s water quality. Approximate duration: two hours. Please bring a packed lunch.

All welcome. No need to book.
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Call 020 8347 7684

Organised by Haringey Friends of Parks Forum & Tottenham Civic Society
Visit haringeyfriendsofparks.org.uk
Visit tottenhamcivicsociety.org.uk

Women In Tottenham: Meet Up And Networking
Wednesday 22nd May, 7pm–10pm
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Ongoing

Ruth Batham Exhibition
Fri 3rd May (launch night)– Sun 2nd June
Sunday- Wednesday: 10am–5pm
Thursday- Saturday: 10am–11pm
Craving Coffee, Unit 3, Gaunson House, Markfield Road N15 4QQ

Ruth Batham’s work explores human relationships and the self, especially the ways that small changes can have large impacts on overall interpretation. Her practice ranges from drawing and figurative oil painting to colour studies and painted glass carvings, in which she uses distortion, reflection and colour interaction to play with meaning and perception.

Call 020 8808 3178
Email craving@cravingcoffee.co.uk

For more information about Craving Coffee’s other events:
Visit cravingcoffee.co.uk/events

Esol Course With Creche
Sunday 5th May–Friday 12th July
(No class for half term, Friday 31st May).
9.30am–12.00pm
Eric Allin Centre, Kenneth Robbins House, Northumberland Park N17 0QA

As part of the Connected Communities project, an ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) course, with a creche for under 5s is taking place at the Eric Allin Centre.

For more information, contact Roushanara Ameen
Call 020 8489 4674
Email roushanara.ameen@haringey.gov.uk

CROSSWORD

Across Clues

- 1 Paired (7)
- 9 Container for a writing liquid (7)
- 10 Rowers (7)
- 11 Target number of strokes for a hole in golf (3)
- 12 Slanted writing (7)
- 15 Not any (4)
- 16 Fibbing (5)
- 17 Panda food (7)
- 18 Facts provided about something (4)
- 20 Stick of coloured wax for drawing (6)
- 23 Lent money or property (6)
- 27 Unattractive (4)
- 29 A choice (6)
- 30 (Of the surface) Uneven (5)
- 31 A dandy (5)
- 32 A person put forward for an award (7)
- 36 The crux of a matter (3)
- 37 Photo of a face (slang) (7)
- 38 The intervening time (7)
- 39 News (7)

Down Clues

- 1 It’s traditionally danced around using attached ribbons (7)
- 2 More prickly (8)
- 3&26 The administrative body for the area in which Tottenham resides (8,7)
- 4 Requiring much skill or effort (9)
- 5 Small car (4)
- 6 Large gull-like seabird (4)
- 7 Legendary Himalayan creature (4)
- 8 Mass of flowers on a tree (7)
- 13 Forbidden practice (5)
- 14 Citrus fruit (5)
- 19 A light boxing category (9)
- 21 A claim of being elsewhere from a crime scene (5)
- 22 Unit of weight (5)
- 24 Unexpectedly attacked (8)
- 25 An area north of Tottenham (8) (see 3 down)
- 26 Brass plates as musical instruments (7)
- 33 A minute parasitic arachnid (4)
- 34 Emperor whosaw Rome burn (4)
- 35 An award for an outstanding TV performance or programme in USA (4)

by Ajayess

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