

# on Sutton Central FOCUS



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Lib  
Dem  
47%

Con  
43%

Can't  
win  
here!

Elections here are  
a two-horse race  
between the Tories  
and the Lib Dems

Lab  
7%

## Spend a penny for FREE!

Your Sutton Central Liberal Democrat team has welcomed the news that Sutton's community toilet scheme has been revamped.

In total fourteen town centre shops, cafes and supermarkets give residents, shoppers and passers-by access to clean and tidy toilets - without needing to buy anything.

Commenting on the community toilet scheme Cllr Graham Tope said "I'm sure that the local residents will be pleased to know they have free



The sign you should look out for if you want to use the community toilet scheme

access to clean toilets and baby-changing facilities."

To find out more about the scheme visit [www.sutton.gov.uk/toilets](http://www.sutton.gov.uk/toilets).

## SYDNEY ARMS - WHAT NEXT?

The Sydney Arms pub, first opened in 1882, has closed probably for the last time.

The licence has been revoked and the building has been bought by a property company. So what next?

There are plenty of rumours, including an off licence, but nothing definite is known at the time of writing.

*It's an important site and an historic building. Sean, Janet and Graham would be interested to know what you'd like to see here?*

## New Lavender bed for Benhill

Recently your local Lib Dem Councillors helped residents plant a lavender bed in Benhill Recreation Ground next to the Lavender Road entrance.

"A big thanks should go to Mayfield Lavender of Croydon Lane who donated the lavender.

"We are now working to try and get the money for another lavender bed nearer the willow tree, some more litter bins, extra benches and new bulbs for next spring," commented local Cllr Janet Lowne.



Sean and Janet helping local residents to plant the lavender bed in Benhill Recreation Ground

Your local Lib Team work ALL YEAR ROUND not just at election time

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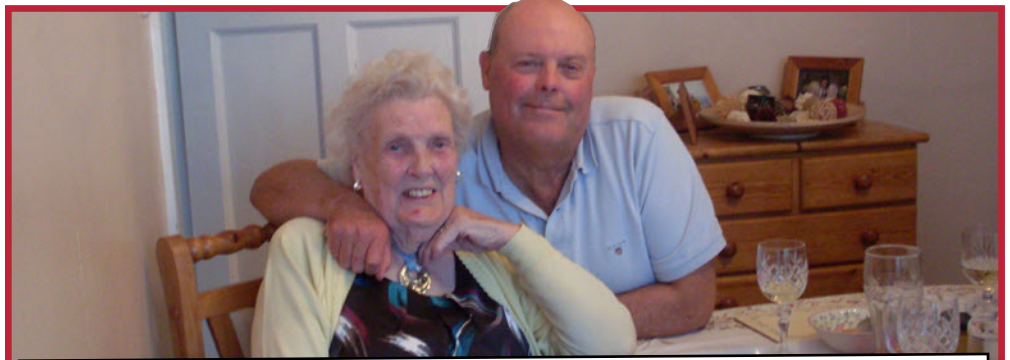
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**Councillor Surgeries:** Every  
Saturday at the Salvation Army Hall  
on Benhill Ave 11am until 12noon.

# Happy 90th Birthday Lily



Lily Loughran of Thomas Wall Close was 90 on 12th May. What is particularly remarkable about Lily - known as Joan - is that 30 years ago she donated her kidney to her grandson, John. Here is Lily and John 30 years on - both still enjoying life.

## Primary school expansion update



Paul and your local Lib Dem Team are urging parents to respond to the Councils consultation.

Your Lib Dem Council is consulting on expansion proposals at primary schools across the borough, which could result in up to 150 extra reception places for children due to start school in 2012.

Cllr Kirsty Jerome said: "With their excellent reputation the pressure on our primary schools is ever increasing following the rising birth rate and these new classrooms are

absolutely essential.

"We have been careful to prepare for the influx of reception pupils in future years but demand is also increasing as the popularity and reputation of our schools grow.

"We also continue to lobby the Government for more capital funding to ensure there is enough investment for future expansion as children rise up through the year groups."

## Crime **DOWN** for another year

Local MP Paul Burstow has welcomed the news that for the fifth year running crime in Sutton is down.

Figures recently released revealed that there were 515 fewer victims of crime compared to last year - and about 3,000 fewer than five years ago.

"These figures are great news. They show that Sutton continues to be one of the safest places to live in London." commented Paul.

"The fact that burglary was down and Town Centre crime dropped 11% highlight the great job the local police in partnership with the Lib Dem-run Council have done in recent years to reduce incidents of crime across the borough" added the local MP.



Paul has a strong record of working with the police and other groups to make our area safer