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LAST OF THE REAL HIGH STREETS

exhibition

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8th October – 27th November
Photochats @ Chats Palace

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In this exhibition, words and images gathered over the last year tell the story of Chatsworth Road. This high street, filled almost exclusively with independent shops, is a rarity in modern Britain.

Shops like 'Chatsworth Tyre Service' and the butcher 'Mighty Meats' have been run by the same family for decades. The computer repair shop doubles as a Koranic school. In the last few years, a French deli, juice bar and gourmet coffee shop have appeared alongside the Kashmiri kebab shop and Jamaican takeaway.

Each plays their own part in keeping alive this peculiar and wonderful street.

The Olympics (the site is a stone's throw away) and the revival of Chatsworth Road street market, once Hackney's biggest, could see this fascinating stretch of road change beyond all recognition.

Acclaimed street photographer, Colin O'Brien and award-winning travel writer, Jane Egginton felt compelled to capture and share these diverse stories before they disappear forever.

Private View

Party at the Palace
drinks, food and music
7-11pm, Thursday October 7th

Exhibition

Open Wed-Sat
12-5pm ('til 9pm Thu)
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