



# Out & About...

with Noel Lynch

## Tube Changes

London Underground has applied for planning permission to install automatic ticket checking gates at East Finchley station.

## Moving With The Times

Club XL is now an Internet bar where people can surf the Internet and even have an e-mail account.

## Advice

The East Finchley Advice Service at the Neighbourhood Centre is now handling 4,000 cases per year. Open daily from Monday to Friday, with a late session from 7-8pm on Thursdays and free legal sessions on Tuesday nights, the service will also operate one day per week in Strawberry Vale from next Spring.

## Village Square

An Arts & Crafts Market and a small Town Square outside Budgens are among the proposals in the "Action Plan for East Finchley Village" - copies available in the Bargain Centre.

## Calendar

Finchley artist Mari D'Anson has produced a calendar from twelve of her drawings of local scenes. Costing £10.99, a proportion will go to College Farm Trust Fund. Contact Mari on 020 8346 7011.

## Millennium Project

The Finchley Society intends to take over 2,800 photos of Finchley on one day next March as a "snapshot" of Finchley frozen in time. Volunteers are needed. Phone Derek Warren on 020 8346 5258. The Society also has a project to put right all the public clocks in the borough. Anyone know a good clockmaker?

## Photos of Finchley

The Finchley Society is asking for any old photos, postcards or other archive material to be donated to them. Contact Derek Warren on 020 8346 5258.

## Gongs for the Millennium

Can we really become more human when tuning-in to the sound of gongs? To find out listen to the CD "Human Tuning" by local musician Eddy Sayer. Deep chill out gong music activating our transition into the year 2000 and beyond. For close encounters with live gongs call Eddy on 020 8444 8376.

## Misleading

One of those horrible illuminated signs that the council has inflicted on us has a map of Barnet on one side. It shows a black dot surrounded by a sign "You are Here". This indicates that you are in Chandos Road. However the sign is near the top of Lincoln Road!

*Festive Greetings to all my friends and readers. I'm sorry that due to pressure of work and a death in the family I've missed the last two deadlines. Have a joyous and happy season.*

*Please send items suitable for this column to Noel Lynch at The Bargain Centre, 212 High Road, N2, Tel 020 8883 0234 or e-mail noellynch@lineone.net*

## New look for memorials

**Eleven out of Barnet's twelve war memorials have now been renovated.**

The twelfth memorial, at Finchley Village, is a listed building and may be restored soon.

The restoration has cost £23,400 which has been raised by the Barnet War Memorials Initiative - a registered charity set up in 1994.

Max Caller, Barnet's Chief Executive and the Initiative's Honorary Treasurer, said, "This is a small debt to pay to those who died in battle, and I would like to thank everyone who has supported the BWMI."

The BWMI is supported by council funding, the Royal Brit-

ish Legion, the Royal Logistics Corps, Barnet Chamber of Commerce and Cadet Units. Funds have been boosted by donations, sponsored walks and a marathon run, sponsored suppers, and a re-enactment of the Battle of Barnet by the Wars of the Roses Society, involving local schools.

Anyone who would like to support BWMI in their continuing maintenance work can send a cheque (made payable to Barnet War Memorials Initiative) to Max Caller, BWMI, c/o Town Hall, The Burroughs, Hendon, NW4 4BG.

# Guard your tender blooms

By Paul Savill  
**Wonders never cease and this is the latest: the very first nude to appear in THE ARCHER.**

She is one of a group of a Yorkshire branch of the Women's Institute who took off their clothes to raise thousands of pounds for charity, but despite their success East Finchley women's organisations, THE ARCHER has learnt, will not be following suit, birthday or otherwise.

Clearly in their prime, the WI members appear in a 2000 calendar carrying out all sorts of tasks in the home such as knitting, painting, gardening and making tea - all in the nude.

## Public gallery

Called the Alternative WI Calendar, the three-colour calendar, widely written about in the national press, is now on sale for £5. All proceeds will go to the Leukaemia Research Fund.

At the time of going to press 63,000 calendars had been sold and £225,000 profit made.

This unorthodox way of raising money is the idea of Rylstone and District WI branch.

A husband of the members developed Leukaemia and during the last months of his fatal illness friends worked to raise money for the research into the disease. This was when the WI had the idea.

## Chic or bust

As one member put it, members put aside traditional methods of raising money and "dropped everything".

THE ARCHER asked East Finchley women's organisations whether they were considering any similar revolutionary ways of raising money for charities.

On being shown the calendar members of the Sisterhood of the East Finchley Methodist Church fell silent. They felt they would be very uncomfortable posing in such a way, but declared that the calendar had been very tastefully done.



One lump or two?

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## Baring scrutiny

Indeed, all the calendar models are discreet to the point of perfection. Nude certainly, but hardly a nipple or any other naughty bit actually showing. The teapot or some other utensil is always in the way!

Members of the Sisterhood, whose church lets the shop it owns in the High Road to the North London Hospice at a peppercorn rent, were full of praise for the calendar's money raising success.

## Guided lilies

The Finchley Church End branch of Towns Women's Guilds, which has over 40 members, declared they were too old to take their clothes off for such a calendar.

"We could do with more younger members," said Dorothy Unwin, secretary. The organisation, which describes its activities as social and recreational, provides a forum for talks and exchange of views. It meets every fourth Wednesday.

It raises money for the local charities by means of coffee mornings and raised £50 last year for Finchley Memorial Hospital. This year it is supporting College Farm.

**The Alternative WI Calendar is available from: Calendar Girls Appeal, 4 The Croft, Cracoe, Skipton, North Yorks. BD23. It costs £5 plus £1.50 for p&p. cheques should be made payable to: Calendar Girl Appeal.**

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