



YOUNG ARCHER

The newt mayor

There can't be many people who don't know that Ken Livingstone has been voted in as the Mayor of London. For the last two years we have not been allowed to forget that someone had to be selected and, for the past few months, it seemed that the person most Londoners wanted was Ken.

In the years to come he will be remembered for the fact that, despite the objection of his party leader the prime minister, despite his questionable past policies being flaunted and despite not having a vast amount of money to support him, he won by a big majority. But will he be remembered in 600 years?

Clever dick

London has had a Lord Mayor since about 1100. Of course, the man chosen then had a much smaller place to watch over. In fact, that position still exists as the Lord Mayor of the City of London (known as the Square Mile) and is usually held by someone in the business

world. Do you know the name of today's *Lord Mayor? Maybe not, but I'll bet you do know the name of the Lord Mayor of London in 1397, 1406 and 1419. It was none other than our old pantomime friend Dick Whittington!

The story of the boy who was to become Sir Richard Whittington has a variety of versions, but each one does contain his cat, who is supposed to have been responsible for Dick making his fortune and marrying the boss's daughter before carrying out the prophecy which the bells of London had foretold many years previously.

Mayor's nest

Now if Ken Livingstone had said that he'd heard bells calling on him to be the Mayor of London, he'd have been a laughing stock. And what about his pets? Ken is well known for keeping newts. Could it be that in 600 years there will be a giant stone newt crawling up Highgate Hill opposite the Whittington Hospital, keeping the statue of Dick's cat company?

* He is called Clive Martin.

The magic four

By Diana Cormack

You've probably heard of The Magnificent Seven, but what about The Magic Four? If you've no idea, you might try asking a primary school pupil. However, if they know the answer but they don't know you, you still won't find out!

Youngsters in Barnet are being introduced to The Magic Four by the Police School Liaison Officer. They are the four groups of people who are not classed as strangers viz: -

1. Family (from their own home)
2. Staff in school (when in school time/on a school trip)
3. Police (in uniform)
4. Friends (of about own age/size)

Four warning

The former "stranger danger" theory (and it is not always a stranger who harms children) is evolving into an awareness which is developed through a rolling programme of lessons spanning the primary school years. These lessons concentrate on personal safety, drugs and crime. They are designed to structure an awareness of personal safety, dangers and respon-



PC Arthur Walker with children from Holy Trinity School year 5. Photo by Diana Cormack

sibility and include important issues such as abuse, bullying, prejudices and racism as well as crime prevention.

Walker way

Paramount in the introduction of the programme to local schools is PC Arthur Walker, who actually devised and developed it for schools in Harrow. So successful was the piloted scheme that it was expanded to the whole borough. He moved to Barnet to take up the post of Schools Liaison Officer in 1998, being responsible for all infant

and junior schools within the Golders Green area.

Having observed Arthur in action in my role as a teacher, I was enormously impressed by the way he skilfully involves the pupils. His friendly but firm manner encourages classes to participate and provide answers themselves, whilst at the same time giving them the opportunity to ask questions or to seek help in confidence should the need be there. With people like PC Walker in charge, we can be confident that our children are in safe hands.

SCHOOL NEWS

By Diana Cormack

Holy Trinity hat trick

For the third year running the football team won the Church Schools Football Cup. Carrying on the sporting tradition, Saracens Rugby Club players are giving training to Years 5 and 6 and the school is hosting the Barnet Schools Cricket Festival in June.

As part of the Year of Maths activities the school is hosting a Maths Challenge which is to be attended by Barnet's Director of Education Martin Kempson, Maths Inspector David Tobin and Education Committee councillors Ann Jarvis and Alison Moore.

Getting away from it all, the Year 6 school journey is being made to the Kingswood Activity Centre in Bembridge on the Isle of Wight, where the children and their teachers will be involved in computer studies and various physical activities.

The school's summer fete is on Saturday 24 June from 12-2.30pm.

Martin Schools faces of the Millennium

All the children in the infant school took part in making millennium banners. Each pupil had a square of material, which was hand dyed with their name and portrait. They also did portraits of members of staff, so the whole school community was represented. The squares were sewn together like a quilt by staff, friends of the school and a parent.

A climbing frame bought out of school funds is a welcome addition to the infant playground. There are also some lovely wooden carved animals for the children to enjoy, provided by the PTA. They are a tribute to the memory of five year old Jem Cakir, a pupil who tragically died in a car accident in Turkey.

Hard act to follow

As mentioned in *The Archer* last month, no replacement has been found for the school-crossing attendant since Monica Herring retired. Parents are naturally anxious about their children's safety on the crossing. Is there anybody reading this who would like to volunteer?

Fit kids

A visiting art teacher came to the junior school to work with the children on some colourful jungle collages.

Mr Jackson and Ms Howard took sixty Year 3 children to "Art for Fun" in Muswell Hill. They thoroughly enjoyed their visit and the tile painting activities. After-school clubs continue to flourish, with football on Tuesdays and Thursdays and "Fit Kids" on Wednesdays.

The school is holding its summer funday on Saturday 1 July from 12.00-3pm. Don't forget to visit our local schools' stalls at the East Finchley Festival!

FRESH FRIENDLY LOCAL BUDGENS

EAST FINCHLEY

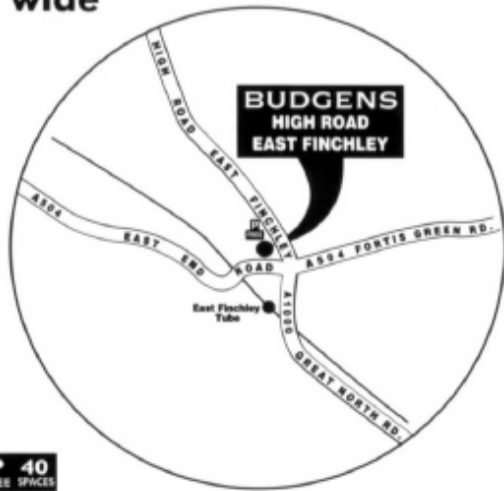
Budgens at East Finchley has everything you need - fresh fruit and vegetables, fresh meat, poultry and fish, freshly baked bread, a wide range of groceries, frozen foods, newspapers and magazines, a wine shop, glass loan for parties, free flower wrapping, customer service desk, bag packing and carry to car service.



VICEROY PARADE, 71 HIGH ROAD, EAST FINCHLEY • TEL 883 9670

BUDGENS - ALWAYS FRESH, ALWAYS GREAT VALUE, ALWAYS LOCAL
WHERE YOUR MONEY GOES FURTHER. NOT YOU.

| DEPARTMENTS | |
|----------------------------|------------------|
| FRESH FRUIT & VEGETABLES | |
| FRESH MEAT, POULTRY & FISH | |
| FRESH DAIRY PRODUCE | |
| FRESH BREAD & CAKES | |
| LUNCH BOX | |
| GROCERIES | |
| WINES, BEERS & SPIRITS | |
| NEWSPAPERS & MAGAZINES | |
| FRESH CUT FLOWERS & PLANTS | |
| SERVICES | |
| HOME DELIVERY | |
| GLASS LOAN FOR PARTIES | |
| FREE FLOWER WRAPPING | |
| CUSTOMER SERVICE DESK | |
| BAG PACKING | |
| CARRY TO CAR | |
| OPENING HOURS | |
| MON-SAT | 8.00am - 10.00pm |
| SUNDAY | 10.00am - 4.00pm |



TEACHING TRENDS

Educational Materials for Parents & Teachers

present this advert for a Free Gift

Opening hours:
Tues - Sat 10 am - 5.30 pm

160 High Road, London N2 9AS, Tel: 020 8444 4473 Fax: 020 8444 7600