



Maurice and Joan Wheatley

# Minister for Baptist Church

At the beginning of May, East Finchley Baptist Church in Creighton Avenue, welcomed their interim pastor, Rev Maurice Wheatley. They have had no minister since Rev Peter Kennelly left last June and Maurice Wheatley, with his wife Joan, expect to fill the gap until the end of the year.

The Wheatleys have had a long involvement with missionary work in Africa and have themselves served in Kenya and Chad, in addition to visiting other African countries on a regular basis.

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Please note that opinions expressed are those of the writer alone.

## Gutter level

By P. Caddy, a long standing fully paid member of The Constitutional Club East Finchley Constitutional Club was a respectable club once, where one could bring friends and relations. But not any more: Some people want to bring it down to the gutter.

On 7 June there is a "ladies night" - they are not ladies, just \*\*\* and this is not a strip club.

Women should never have been allowed to become members - it is through them that this club has got into this state.



## GARDENING

# Snail Slaughter

By Zena Robson

I claim to have every snail in north London in my garden - well, OK, maybe every second snail and I'm fighting a losing battle. I try very hard not to use pellets as I also have frogs, but occasionally, in desperation, I'm ashamed to say I resort to them around one or two choice Hostas - but at least these are in pots and therefore off the ground so hopefully froggie doesn't get a sniff at them.

I have also become a murderer! I now no longer shilly-shally around lobbing them over the fence, instead, I don thick-soled shoes and dance the squashed-snail fandango. Yes, it's gruesome but in the end, faster and I like to think more humane than the bucket of salt-water and accompanying stench.

I also have the most wonderful pair of alien battery-powered "glasses" that frighten the local hooligans at night and give me both hands free to pick off the occasional caterpillar that has emerged from the soil to hoopla up my Clematis Nelly Moser. They just get squished, as do those dreaded Lupin aphid - once seen, never forgotten - HUGE grey and obese.

### Blackfly Bait

I have been growing nasturtiums, Empress of India being my favourite - dark red flowers with dark leaves, but it's all to sacrifice them as I use them as companion plants. There is some confusion about this - stuff like chives is said to put things off the scent, but other things are used actually to attract nasties. Nasturtiums, I'm sorry to say, do just that and are

martyred to blackfly. When smothered, they are whipped out, stamped on thoroughly, flung in the bin and replaced with new plants. You'd be surprised how they can cut down infestations on things like Philadelphus.

### Evergreen Architecture

Euphorbias are a favourite of mine and right now, the red-flowered varieties like Dexter are looking great, but be warned, it spreads by underground stolons and pops up over bigger areas than you expect.

The wulfeniis are still going strong after six weeks and covering lots of ground with those wonderful evergreen, architectural stems. If you don't know them, the Oxford Botanic Garden has a national collection of Euphorbias worth a visit from early spring to mid summer. Actually, it's worth a visit anytime and you could take in Waterperry Gardens on the way - junction 8A off the M40 signposted Wheatley. It has a huge summer herbaceous border and a very good plant sales area; restraint is necessary! Plus their cafe does excellent real food - always a bonus!

## LETTERS

### Calling all Eameses

Dear Archer

Congratulations. A very nice website and very well presented.

We are at your site because my mother is here with us in Quebec on holiday, and she tells us that she was born in East Finchley. Her maiden name was (or is) Eames and there may be some Eameses left in East Finchley.

I am not a person to search for my ancestors, but my mother might find it fun after all these years. She was born in 1924, in a house in Aveton Road.

Here it is minus 25oC and a chill factor of minus 45oC, and thus an ideal time to surf.

Wishing you all the best with your newspaper.

Peter John Keating  
keating@destination.ca

Archer footnote:- Aveton Road used to stand where Prospect Ring is now (see map above). If this rings any bells, either contact Peter Keating by e-mail, or send your message via us.



East Finchley in 1920 with Aveton Road on the right

### A Sad affair

Dear Editor

Our friendly squirrels have disappeared from the station-end entrance of Cherry Tree Wood. I miss these adorable mammals and wish them no harm.

Also, where have all our song-birds gone? So few now greet us with their song. On Sunday 7 May another gentle bird, a dove, was killed - possibly by traffic - near Fordington Road, leaving its partner without companionship and love.

How sad the way we humans treat our urban wildlife. These creatures trust us.

Yours sincerely  
Clifford Lewis  
Lanchester Road, N6.

### Elusive 'Ardware

Dear Editor

I was very pleased when a branch of "Amy" opened in our High Road.

Shortly after it opened, I went in to purchase four cups and saucers - I didn't require a complete set. I couldn't find any in the shop and queried this with an assistant.

I could hardly believe my ears. I was told these items were not sold in that branch, as it would take trade away from their North Finchley branch!

When I was next in North Finchley, I called in to "Amy" and was politely shown all kinds of cups and saucers and invited to make my choice. I mentioned about my experience in East Finchley. There was genuine amazement and one assistant said my purchase could have been sent from their branch had they been requested to do so by East Finchley's "Amy".

They also said something else which I can't repeat for fear of getting the East Finchley assistant into trouble!

I am still pleased we have a branch of "Amy" here; I hope it does well and helps to inject new life into our High Road.

Yours faithfully  
Miss G E Dale  
Leopold Road, N2

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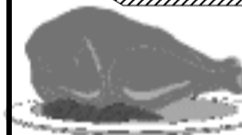
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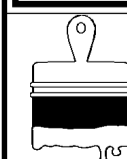
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