



Young achievers

By Diana Cormack



George Saunders: photo by Diana Cormack

Friendly visit

Not many of us get the chance to visit Nepal, but Kit Friend, of Manor Park Road has gone there at the age of thirteen! A Year 9 pupil at Hendon School, Kit was chosen along with three others by embassy officials for his outstanding work on a project about that country. During their stay the students will visit different places and schools of Kathmandu Valley, interacting with their Nepali peers. They will also visit Chitwan.

The major aim of the visit is to get to know about the flora and fauna of Nepal (with particular emphasis on endangered species) and to learn about its culture and lifestyle. Kit, who was featured recently on TV in a report about the visit, will soon be able to turn the tables. He is taking the school's video camera to make a video diary, which could be shown on "Blue Peter."

A frequent contributor to the Young Archer when he was in Holy Trinity School, Kit is going to write about his adventures in Nepal for *THE ARCHER*, hopefully accompanied by one of his wonderful cartoons!

Did you know that we have an Arsenal captain living in East Finchley? Ten year old George Saunders, of Strawberry Vale, is to lead the aged 10 and under players at an international gathering in Brussels.

At the beginning of June, his team will tackle other young sides from the great European clubs, including Manchester United and Juventus!

George's parents live in Spain, so he is looked after by Sandra and Nick Nagel. He is a Year 6 pupil at Holy Trinity C of E School.

Sixteen year old Luciano Macis, whose parents run "That's It Dry Cleaners" at 44 High Road, East Finchley will be involved in another sort of tackling. He has been picked to play for the East of England in an English Counties Hockey Tournament at Bristol. Last year they won the tournament, largely due to Luciano's goal scoring ability, which resulted in an England team trial!



Luciano Macis in action

No ordinary nags

By Daphne Chamberlain
Where do famous show-jumpers get their horses? In the '60s, one answer might have been Strawberry Vale.

Veteran show-jumping watchers will remember the medal-winning D'Inzeo family - who seemed to make up the Italian national team for decades. John Race, who was brought up in Bedford Road, remembers Captain D'Inzeo visiting the stable at Strawberry Vale to view some horses.

He can't recall whether the Captain actually bought any, but he says they were good horses, and well looked after.

At that time the stable was owned by Evan Evans, a Welsh-speaking Welshman from Cardiganshire. His daughter married Mr Anker who kept a grocer's shop next to another famous old East Finchley landmark - Gibbs, the seed merchant (where Cory's Pharmacy is today.)

John Race was at school with the Ankers' son, Keevan, and he also remembers Evan Evans supplying the Race family with a Pembrokeshire corgi.

Fled is that music

By Sonia Singham

Why does music always have to be the Cinderella of the curriculum? It's a subject that is a great leveller for children, where all can participate without fear of failing.

What kind of person would be immoral enough to give something to a child and then snatch it away as soon as the child is beginning to receive some enjoyment from it?

How do you say to 600 children who have just been introduced to an instrument "We are sorry, but if you want to continue these lessons your schools will have to raise the necessary cash"?

Snatched away

These instruments were supposed to be for deprived children who will now be even more deprived having had a taste of something which was suddenly taken away.

Should certain schools not be able to continue the tuition what will happen to the £58,000 already spent on instruments? Are they to lie forgotten, hidden in some cupboard?

Once again the lack of understanding and forward planning with which these schemes are introduced beggars belief.

A green summer

By Toni Morgan

After a hard week at work, travelling into town each day on the Northern Line with all the usual problems of overcrowded trains and endless delays, I needed a relaxing way to spend a summer's evening.

A couple of years ago I went along with an *ARCHER* colleague, Daphne Chamberlain, to a Bowls Club in Muswell Hill to take a photograph for an article she was writing.

Most people are unaware of the Club's existence as it is tucked away in a delightful setting surrounded by large houses in King's Avenue, so you don't easily spot the entrance. During our visit one of the members asked if we would like to come along to their Friday Club evenings, where we could practise and afterwards enjoy a drink in the clubhouse with the other members.

Girls Friday

In April 1999 we both decided to become members and have just completed our first year. During the season, the Friday Club evenings are good fun, the Club members are friendly and encouraging, al-

ways willing to help you along and offer advice. As you gain in skill and confidence, you can play in matches and there are always Sunday afternoon 'roll-ups' where you can practise.

During the winter the Club holds 'short-mat' evenings on Fridays, which are great fun and not to be taken too seriously; there are also quite a few social events throughout the year, so everyone keeps in touch. It is also quite competitive with prizes for competition winners and runners-up and at the end of last season Daphne won a small trophy (much to her surprise!) and somehow I seem to have a two point lead in the 'short-mat' league - don't task me how! Now I'm hooked!

The Club always welcomes new members, tuition and equipment can be provided, so why not come along and try your hand at the game.

Your chance to join the Credit Union

The official launch of Finchley Credit Union will take place at 2 pm on Saturday, 13 May at East Finchley Library, 226, High Road.

A credit union is a group of people who have joined together to provide savings and loan facilities to its members, who own the organisation.

There are more than 600 credit unions in Britain, with over 200,000 members and over £118 million in assets.

Community credit unions offer borrowing at lower interest rates than those usually charged by high street banks.

Barnet Council, which had already set up a credit union for its own employees in 1996, helped launch one in the Watling and Grahame Park area in 1998. The Council is supporting the Finchley Credit Union, and the

opening will be attended by the Mayor, the Leader of the Council and MP Rudi Vis.

The Union will operate from the Neighbourhood Centre in Church Lane.

Anyone who lives in Finchley is welcome to attend the launch at the library. For further information, call Janet Thorne, the Community Economic Development Officer, on 8359 2782.

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