



Twin Towers Diary

Finchley resident Peter Bell was on Pine Street (near Wall Street) in New York with his wife Mavis, visiting their daughter Lesley, when disaster struck.



The last view from the Twin Towers just a couple of days before they were destroyed. Photo by Peter Bell.

YOUNG ARCHER

Kidding Around

Flicks Film Company, who produce animated cartoons, visited children in Year 6 at Holy Trinity School, Egan's Close, East Finchley. The children learned a lot about their work and also gave them some ideas.

Here is what eleven-year-old Chloe Francis wrote about the experience:

"Fun was had by all Year 6 when a film company came to Holy Trinity School to do a quick cartoon film called Kidding Around. Everyone enjoyed making up funny jokes and stories about their own lives. The film company also wanted us to draw pictures so that the people who produce the film would have some ideas about what sort of cartoons to put on the film."

Story Board

After the film members had asked the children what kind of story or joke they were going to do, they asked us to draw or colour in the scenes in our jokes or stories. Then they could see what sort of cartoon we would like them to use in the five-minute film they are going to create.

In the end everyone had a thrilling time and enjoyed every minute of it.

It's a cracker!

Just to get you in the mood, here are some jokes which are bad enough to be found in a Christmas cracker.

Who says "Oh! Oh! Oh!"?

Father Christmas walking backwards.

What flies and wobbles?

A jellycopter.

What grows in a field and makes music?

Popcorn.

What do polar bears like to eat?

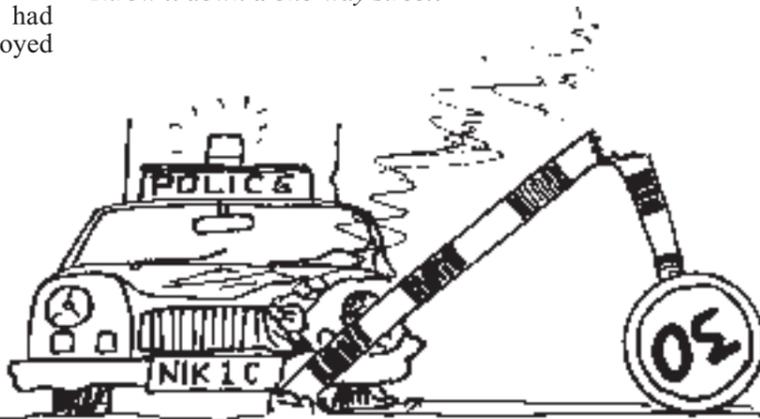
Iceburgers.

Why did you have duck for Christmas dinner?

Because we wanted a Christmas quacker.

How do you get rid of a boomerang?

Throw it down a one-way street!



Cartoon by John Boyd

HONEST SARGE! ... THERE WAS THIS OLD GUY IN A RED CLOAK AND LOADS OF REINDEER

Tuesday 11 September

Mavis first saw the fire in the 1st Tower of the World Trade Center on breakfast TV; from the windows of our apartment close by we saw paper flying everywhere. We felt our building shake and heard a crash outside as the TV showed a huge flame bursting from the 2nd Tower. A viewer reported having seen a plane fly past and crash into it; now everyone knew it was an attack and not an accident.

Panic on the streets

Going outside we saw everyone running, screaming for cover as clouds of dust raced towards us. There was a loud rumbling overhead and people shouted that it was a 3rd plane. We ran back into our building feeling pretty frightened. but before long we were told to evacuate it. We got out of the back door onto the street. As we walked away from the WTC there was dust and smoke everywhere. I ripped my hankie in half to cover our faces. In a nearby café the owner was giving everyone iced water and coffee filters to protect our mouths. A man next to us was shaken and covered all over with dust. He said a huge concrete block had missed him by three feet.

Camaraderie

We walked uptown, past inch-thick dust on cars and people covered in it.

As we had nowhere to stay, Lesley rang a friend from work who kindly offered us her apartment. We found a great feeling of camaraderie; everyone wanted to wear the Stars & Stripes, even dogs had them in their collars. Lots of people were willing to help others in any way and we joined in cheering the rescuers, police, firemen, ambulances that drove to and from Ground Zero.

Friday 14 September

Lesley walked through five police ID barriers and got to the apartment but couldn't get in. Luckily she saw the apartment manager standing down the street and persuaded him to go in with her. He was terrified and said the buildings around were unstable. Lesley got our tickets and passports and four days later she walked all the way back with Mavis to pick up the rest of our luggage.

PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

By Diana Cormack

Holy Trinity School

Children in Year 4 took part in the Festival of Light at Copthall Stadium. As one of only four schools in the Borough selected to design and construct huge lanterns for a procession and dance prior to the biggest firework display in London.

The whole school took part in a Sports and Health Week. Amongst the many activities were canoeing lessons at the Welsh Harp and a competition to design the best T-shirt and slogan.

Eight-year-old Dani-Ella Larimer won the Reading Carnival at the East Finchley library, for which she had to review six books. She was presented with a certificate, vouchers, bookmarks and two books.

The School Association quiz night raised £280.00 for school funds.

Harvest Festival contributions were given to the drop-in centre on Woodhouse Road.

Shoe-boxes full of gifts for needy children at Christmas were brought in by pupils.

Martin Schools

The annual firework display on the school field was particularly brilliant this year. There was a wonderful community spirit and locals were full of praise.

The junior school had a multi-cultural Harvest Festival, with two members of staff demonstrating how to make chapattis. Pupils brought in food which some of them took to old people in sheltered housing at Prospect Place.

About £200.00 was raised in the annual Jeans for Genes charity event.

Year 5 learned how to make pizzas at Pizza Express in North Finchley and took their own creations home. They also had lovely weather while on a river and canal-side walk in the Lea Valley, visiting Waltham Abbey.

At the National Gallery Year 3 learned about the Impressionists, with the emphasis on Claude Monet.

Gardeners from the local allotments provided vast amounts of vegetables for the infant school's Harvest Festival. People from Friern Barnet Day Centre attended the special assembly and enjoyed cakes that Year 2 children had made for them.

All the infant and nursery classrooms have received brand-new extra computers.

After winning a bid to work with the Visual Learning Centre in Islington, staff received an art training day. Year 2 had a visit to Kew Gardens, the objective being to bring on their drawing skills and, from the sketches on display, this has certainly been achieved.

The infants are raising money for Great Ormond Street Hospital Children's Appeal with a variety of sponsored events.

Author Anthony Lishak came in to do a day of workshops on stories and literacy.