



Colin Rogers, Mayor Ken Livingstone, Rudi Vis MP and Jacqui Suffling.
Photo by Frances McGrane

Rudi returns

Labour's Rudi Vis retained his seat as MP for Finchley and Golders Green in the general election with an increased majority despite a 12.32% fall in turnout. John Marshall (Conservative) came second and Sarah Teather of the Liberal Democrats was third.

In the adjacent seat of Hornsey and Wood Green Barbara Roche (Labour) also retained her seat, but with a reduced majority over Lynne Featherstone of the Liberal Democrats with the Conservative candidate in third place.

The full results for Finchley and Golders Green were as follows: Rudi Vis (Labour) 20205; John Marshall (Conservative) 16489; Sarah Teather (Liberal Democrats) 5266; Miranda Dunn (Green Party) 1385. Majority 3716 (1997 majority 3189).

Progress... and tales of woe

Report from the Local Agenda 21 Partnership Traffic & Transport Group

Our recent meetings have been well attended and constructive dialogue has enabled us to make progress on important initiatives. Thank you to all those who have taken part.

Church Lane

Proposals, prepared by the council traffic engineers, are going through initial consultation and assessment. The principals of the scheme are to prevent unnecessary rat-running through the area, improve conditions for pedestrians and cyclists and to make drivers more aware at junctions and, at regular intervals along the road, to drive carefully. After this initial consultation and, hopefully, funding approval, local residents will be consulted before the scheme is finalised.

Market Place

As with Church Lane we have recently been discussing proposals prepared by the traffic engineers and a workable scheme has been arrived at which must now go through the same lengthy consultation and funding approval procedure.

Controlled parking zone

Too early to pronounce on the CPZ but there appears to be more space for residents, shoppers and business; it seems to have removed unwanted commuter parking.

Pedestrian crossing at East Finchley station

Improvement proposals are going through initial consultation but funding approval is required before further progress.

East Finchley station

Well, what can we say! Not much progress. Although the barriers are working at certain times they create queues: the lack of ticket machines creates queues, resulting in continually frustrated commuters. At present we need a miracle to make the station work for us all, station staff included.

Buses

At each of our meetings tales of woe were relayed about the 263 bus. Considerable improvement is required to this service.

Future meetings

15 August and 21 November at 8pm at the Neighbourhood Centre in Church Lane. These meetings will concentrate on public transport, pedestrian and cycling issues. Contact Peter Hale the coordinator on 8444 5837 for further information.

OBITUARY

Peter Jack Maslen

18th July 1944 – 4th June 2001

It is with great sadness that *THE ARCHER* reports the death of Peter Maslen, aged 56. Pete was not only a faithful husband and father of four, but had a sense of community spirit that is rare in these times of individualism. His sense of duty led him to expend a great deal of time and energy into helping others, despite his poor and constantly failing health.

Among his notable achievements is his three-year involvement in the Strawberry Vale Tenants Association, where it could be argued that he was instrumental in the changes that have recently been brought about.

Up to 1997 he ran a play scheme in Strawberry Vale each summer, which focused on broadening the minds and experiences of children who, due to financial or other circumstances, would have little or no holiday during the long summer break. This became one of the most popular play schemes in Barnet!

In addition, he ran the Youth Club at his local church (St. Mary's, East Finchley) for two years. Peter was also a member of The St. Vincent De Paul



Peter Maslen - "a community spirit rare in these times".

Society at the same church, an organisation that provides care and help to anyone with any need, for any reason.

Selfless commitment

From *THE ARCHER*'s point of view, Pete will be most remembered for his selfless commitment to our newspaper, especially in the early years.

When *THE ARCHER* found itself without money, a place to meet or any leader to organise and rally the troops. It was Pete (willingly assisted by his wife, Dee) who stepped in, arranged a meeting room at Strawberry Vale, helped with fund-raising,

typing, type-setting, accounting, printing and distribution, and a host of other things too numerous to mention. It is fair to say that the upcoming 100th edition celebrations may not have ever come about, had it not been for Pete Maslen.

Peter's funeral took place at St. Mary's church on the morning of Friday 15 June. For some life is a vanity, but Pete has left a lasting legacy, touching many lives in our area.

East Finchley has lost a great man, and many will miss him. Our thoughts and prayers go to his wife and children.

Environment Week 2001

By Diana Cormack

A variety of interesting activities have been planned to take place all over the borough of Barnet between 14 and 22 July. This event is aimed at raising awareness of social and economic issues as well as environmental ones. Local residents, schools, businesses, community groups and Agenda 21 Partnerships all participate in Environment Week to improve our quality of life while also making it more sustainable.

The week will be launched with an Environment Fair behind The Spires Shopping Centre, High Barnet from 9am - 4pm on Saturday 14 July. Nature study and wildlife walks, litter clearing projects, bike and car maintenance testing and cultural events are just a few of the activities taking place during the following week.

Down to the woods

Cherry Tree Wood is the site chosen for the Schools Environment Action Day on Tuesday 17 July. Workshops have been arranged for six local primary schools. The children will take part in "Beat the Binmen," a hectic game to

reduce waste going to landfill. In "Healthy Lifestyles" they will experiment on the cool and funky bikes from London Recumbant and work their bodies with the Fitness for Life trainer. "Meet the Animals" will teach them about responsible dog ownership and the importance of hearing dogs for the deaf, whilst in "Get to know your Trees" the youngsters will explore the woods and take part in hands on activities.

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