



Charting the Future

By Daphne Chamberlain
Parents - do you understand your children? If the answer is "no" or "not sure", perhaps local astrologer Anne Brennan could help.

A child's chart, she explains, shows his or her potential. It reveals how they communicate, and the sort of parenting they will respond to.

It is not a detailed prediction of everything that will happen in your child's life. Modern astrologers don't play God. Anne says, "We all have free will, and the power within ourselves to change our lives. Unfortunately, a lot of us make wrong decisions. We get bogged down with problems, which often are the same problem wearing different hats. Used properly, a chart can help to identify and overcome them. It can be a person's guide through the journey of life."

Star quality

Anne has practised as a qualified astrologer for 25 years. Her first teacher was the late Howard Sasportas, who also taught the internationally famous Liz Greene, known to all astrology buffs and many Internet surfers.

She is now offering a "guideline to parents" service. There will be no need to see

the children at all. All the necessary information will be in the chart, which Anne will go through with the parents. Her aim is to give practical advice. Now a grandmother, she says she could have benefited from similar help in her early days as a mother.

Everyone who consults Anne is offered a tape of their discussion, and she also plans to write a summary for parents with very young children. Don't feel limited by age, though. Checking out a chart could be useful at job decision time.

Moonshine

Anne left me with this snippet. "Did you know", she said, "this would all have been illegal right up to the 20th century? Some people still frown on astrology on religious grounds, but look at the Three Wise Men following the star in Christianity. It's in the Jewish Kaballa, too. Sometimes we just can't understand what's going on. Astrology can be a way to see the bigger picture."

Anne can be contacted on 020 8883 9969.



Not a lot of people know this!

By John Dearing

Did you know you can see Wembley Stadium from East Finchley?

Above are two views taken from the 3rd floor of Viceroy Close. Eagle-eyed readers will note that the photographs are none too recent, with the Bobath Centre un-restored and the North London Jamatkhana yet to be built. I can assure you that it is still there, just!

As the view is to the south-west, the best time to see it is mid-morning with sun to the south-east. No doubt people who live in higher buildings, such as Prospect Ring, get an even better view, especially using binoculars. For the technically minded, the bottom picture is with a standard lens, and the top with a 1000mm telephoto.

What London landmarks can you see from East Finchley? If you can send us a good photograph, all the better.



Vicky on her last day at Iris Florist. Photo by Daphne Chamberlain

Good Luck, Vicky!

By Daphne Chamberlain

Vicky won't be sending flowers any more. Not professionally, anyway. After nearly 20 years as a florist, Vicky Young is trying out another career.

She became something of an institution at Iris, where she worked for 11 years and was responsible for floral arrangements at both the East Finchley and Southgate shops. Last month, though, she left, hopefully for a post in Customer Care, which would keep the contact with people which she enjoys.

"It's time for a change", she said, "but I've got to know so many people here, it's been sad saying goodbye. I'll miss everybody, but I'll still be popping in and out, and there are some bits and pieces for weddings and so on still to do."

When she tells you that

one of her big pleasures as a child was cutting flowers from the garden and arranging them symmetrically in vases, you can believe that Vicky's talent is not going to be completely unused.

However, much as she has enjoyed her time in East Finchley, she jokes that the next job has to be "warmer, cleaner and drier" than floristry. Good luck, Vicky. We'll miss you.

Gary Dipple and the rest of his team are still at Iris, at 242, High Road, N2 9AH. Tel: 020 8444 0316. For enquiries regarding their landscaping service, contact 020 8444 3130 or 07957 357545.

18,000 jobs for Cricklewood

Over 18,000 jobs will be created over the next ten years as a result of a major public transport-led regeneration initiative by Cricklewood Redevelopment Ltd, a joint venture between Pillar Property plc and Railtrack Property.

The scheme incorporates 750,000 square metres of new office space, shops and leisure facilities including more than 2,500 new homes. In addition, it includes a landmark tower at the end of the M1.

A substantial investment in local transport links is proposed, including a new mainline station and improvements to the existing Cricklewood and Hendon stations. A rapid transport system will carry passengers from the new station through Brent Cross to link up with the London Underground station at Hendon Central.

A locally managed Cricklewood Regeneration Trust will be set up to provide money for local initiatives and harness the benefits of the development for the wider area.

Local community consultation has already started and a major exhibition in July is being planned for local people to meet the team and give us their views and suggestions. The hotline number is 0845 458 4511 for people to discuss any aspect or ask questions.

Pictures for Nelly

By John Dearing

Lauderdale House is situated immediately to the south of Highgate Village, at the north extreme of Waterlow Park. It is the former residence of Nell Gwyn (or Gwynne), the actress mistress of King Charles II.

Numerous activities are run there, such as exhibitions, concerts, workshops, and classes. The park is a pleasant afternoon out for East Finchley residents, with several large ponds and extensive, well-planted gardens.

For the last 15 years, the Lauderdale House Society have run an annual photographic competition and exhibition, and regularly receive over 400 entries. This year there are two categories: an Open Category and Street Life - photographs related to or representing anything to do with street life. This theme may be interpreted literally or imaginatively, and there are opportunities for both traditional and digital photographers to display their talents and show their creativity.

This is a chance to see your work exhibited in their galleries, with a chance to win the prize of an exhibition of your own work!

Send an SAE to Lauderdale House, Waterlow Park, Highgate Hill, London, N6 5HG for an application form (or call 020 8348 8716 Fax: 020 8442 9099). Entries will be accepted between Tuesday 10th and Friday 13th July (11am - 4pm), and on Sunday 15th July (12:30pm - 4:30pm). Entry fee is £3.50 (£2.50 concessions), and winning entries will be exhibited at Lauderdale House between Tuesday 7 and Sunday 19 August.

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