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A community newspaper for East Finchley run entirely by volunteers.

Ripe for development?

By Diana Cormack

Barnet Council is inviting tenders for the pavilion in Cherry Tree Wood. The building is situated next to the children's play area and contains changing rooms and toilets, having previously been used as a sports pavilion. It also once housed a nursery scheme that, over the years, some locals attempted to revive but to no avail.

In line with their current policy and subject to planning, the council envisages the setting up of a café as has happened in other borough parks such as Basing Hill and Sunny Hill. This would mean the closing of the kiosk by the tennis courts, which is on a short-term lease.

The pavilion, which would need a great deal of refurbishment, is available on a twenty-five-year full repairing and insuring lease.

The closing date for tenders is 3rd September; coincidentally the same day on which a review of the options available to improve services and attract more people to Barnet parks is to be debated.

No parking?

However some residents and businesses adjacent to the park have been disturbed by a rumour linking the leasing of the pavilion to Waitrose Stores with the idea that they want

to set up a supermarket on the site of Park House, 16 High Road East Finchley. At present this building houses part of Barnet's Directorate of Community Services, with services for the elderly and for the disabled.

Locals are concerned that the area between the pavilion and Park House, which forms the entrance to the park opposite the tube station, might subsequently be used to make

a car park for customers. The unadopted road Brompton Grove runs alongside this stretch of Cherry Tree Wood.

Barnet Council has not confirmed or denied the rumour, but customer services at Waitrose's head office told *THE ARCHER* there were no plans at all for this area at the moment. What do you think should happen to the pavilion? Send your suggestions to *THE ARCHER*.



Some of the Archer team in Maddens - back row l-r: Paul Northam, Jo Loh, David Hobbs, Frances Loveday, Geoff Garfield, Daphne Chamberlain, Diana Cormack, Kevin Finn, Faith Collier, Alison Roberts; front row l-r: Len Willcocks, Bettie Cude, Femke van Iperen, Jane Revell, Chrissie Finn, Sue Holliday, Sippy Azizollah, John Dearing; . Photo by John Dearing.

100 issues on...

By Kevin Finn

When you think about it you can't help but come to the conclusion that *THE ARCHER* is a quite remarkable phenomenon. Some eight years ago an East Finchley resident, Andrew Taylor, had the idea that our community deserved a publication of its own, dealing with matters that concern the residents and businesses in this little 'village'. After a pilot A4 'tester' *THE ARCHER* was born and, despite a few difficulties along the way, has not looked back.

I now have the privilege to return after many years as the latest individual bearing the title 'Editor'. Tradition states that I should let those who are interested know what my plans are for the future. The maxim "If it's not broke, don't fix it!" applies, because this unique, free, volunteer run, community newspaper is well read, supported by local people and businesses and staffed by a team of enthusiastic, competent volunteers.

This does not mean that we don't need more helpers or opportunities to improve, we do! If you can help, please get in touch.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who, down the years, have led us to this, our 100th issue, and offer my congratulations on a job well done. *THE ARCHER* is, of course, nothing without one important team member, without whom it would have

died a long time ago. That team member is, of course, you, the reader. Thanks from me personally and the rest of the team for your support and your letters. Please join me in hoping *THE ARCHER* continues to thrive for at least another 100 issues.

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Places of historic interest will be pointed out on the way. Those who wish can repair to the Old White Lion afterward where they can relax with members of *THE ARCHER* team.

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