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Duncan Mills photo by Diana Cormack

## Rubbish Service

By Diana Cormack

Last autumn most of East Finchley received some form of notification about a new recycling service. Ominously, not everyone had all the relevant leaflets delivered and some residents got none at all. However, the idea of ECT Recycling Ltd. working in partnership with Barnet to provide a weekly collection service was warmly welcomed. Even the black boxes supplied by the Borough a few years ago for their fortnightly newspaper collection could be used for the project, though new ones were supplied if necessary.

The service began at the end of November, with residents leaving out boxes of recyclable goods for collection on the day designated for their area; glass, metal cans, clean foil, textiles and shoes, along with the usual newspapers and magazines. The lorry from ECT duly appeared and the crew sorted the contents of the black boxes into the appropriate sections on board, including paper.

### Theirs not to make reply

So why has a bin lorry from Barnet Council continued to arrive in my road every other Saturday morning to collect the waste paper, when it has already been collected by ECT the previous day? Last December I put that very question to both Barnet and ECT; they thanked me for the information and said the situation would be investigated. At the time of writing I am waiting for a response from the Borough to yet another phone call about this matter. A lady on Barnet's Customer Care Line helpfully suggested that maybe only part of my road was covered

for either collection, but as I live in a cul-de-sac with less than fifty houses that is as unlikely as it is silly.

### Playing silly

But not as silly as the fortnightly routine of the Saturday bin men. The beeping lorry reverses up the road; it stops to allow two men to leap out of the cab; two bins are lowered from the back; the men then scour the road for non-existent black boxes; they replace the unused bins; climb back into the cab and the driver drives off. The unnecessary expenditure in time, manpower, fuel and money, not to mention the pollution engendered, is quite appalling. Any residents who like to have an undisturbed weekend lie-in might describe it differently.

The original idea is commendable, but the present situation begs description. Is it happening in other parts of East Finchley? If so, please let THE ARCHER know and we will let you know if we eventually get an explanation from Barnet.

## In a class of his own

By Diana Cormack

Duncan Mills, head teacher of Holy Trinity CE Primary School, is running in the London Marathon next month. Because one of his pupils suffers from the rare Prader-Willi Syndrome, Duncan is collecting for that cause. But, probably, unlike the rest, his other reason for raising money is to help build an extension for his school.

Holy Trinity is undertaking a major fund raising effort to provide an infant library and special needs suite, with science and design technology rooms upstairs. Whilst bids for money will be made to various sources, Duncan reckons that the school itself will need to raise around £25,000.

Duncan freely admits that he is not a keen runner and finds the challenge no less now than when he started training after last year's marathon but his reasons for

running keep him going and he is looking forward to the actual day, when he hopes to raise £2000.

If you would like to help please send contributions to Holy Trinity School, Eagan's Close, Market Place, N2. Make cheques out to Holy Trinity School. The total amount raised will be divided between the two causes.

If you know of any East Finchley people taking part in the Flora London Marathon on 14 April, please tell THE ARCHER.

## A break in communications?

A planning application has been made for the installation of a ten metre high telecommunications antenna and two associated equipment housings on a public pavement. The bid is by a company acting on behalf of BT Cellnet.

The place in question is on the pavement opposite to the former Texaco Service Station and Victory Autos site. Locals will realise that this lies right next to a residential

area as well as being close to two primary schools and a playgroup centre.

Barnet Council is well known for its hesitancy to give permission for such sitings and will no doubt listen to comments from the public, which had to be in by 18 February.

Last year's application by BT Cellnet for six antennae on top of McDonalds' Headquarters did not proceed.

## It's good for the constitution!

After only five weeks of playing the National Lottery, twenty members of a syndicate in East Finchley struck it lucky. At the end of January they won almost £74,000, which meant a share out of £3,650 each.

They all belong to the East Finchley Constitutional Club in The Walks, where no doubt much of the celebrating of their winnings took place.