



Tourist Attractions

by David Hobbs

As part of its drive to breathe new life and prosperity into the Borough the Council has launched a new Tourism Association. The association aims to promote tourism in the Borough and at its first meeting Councillor Monroe Palmer praised the local organisations and businesses working together with the council to revitalise the Borough.

The main aims of the association include promoting Barnet as a tourist attraction and day visitor destination, improving access and working with other associations to encourage cross borough co-operation. The association has already produced an accommodation guide and a list of the Borough's many and varied attractions.



Mrs Evrou Constantinou photo by Erini Rodis

Farewell, Mrs Evrou

by Erini Rodis.

In a week when the media was preoccupied with the death of the Queen Mother, East Finchley, too, lost a loving mother and an even prouder grandmother.

Over the past 38 years you too may have met a short robust Greek Cypriot woman walking home to Bedford Road, where she settled in the early 60s, or buying copious amounts of food. Mrs Evrou, as she was known, was a maestro in the kitchen, who regularly turned traditional Middle Eastern recipes into "wow" food for her lucky family. Her lack of English necessitated a subtle mastery of gestures, which she also used to teach other people Greek.

Despite her lack of education she had a great head for figures, and woe betide anyone who tried to short change her! She maintained an interest in politics and used her voting power with enthusiasm. Wedding receptions were her favourite form of entertainment, especially if they involved some good waltzing.

Mrs Evridiki Constantinou was a passionate person with a spicy sense of humour who loved music, was great company and will be sadly missed by those who knew her. She died on 5 April 2002, aged 86, and was laid to rest in Hendon Cemetery next to her husband whom she lost in 1975.

Her family wish to express their gratitude to all those who visited recently and attended her funeral.

Data Protection Act Scam

Local businesses have received documentation that threatens 'dire consequences' for firms not registering themselves by making a notification to the Data Protect Registrar.

The communications state that it is an offence not to notify if you are not exempt, and goes on to inform businesses that, according to records, they are not registered. They are 'invited' to return the forms along with a fee of £95 + VAT.

One of THE ARCHER's team members received such a document in April, which was very convincing. It was only through research on the Internet that it was confirmed that the communication was a confidence trick.

Web of Deceit

Businesses receiving such letters should contact their local Trading Standards office. If in doubt check out the DPR warning page on the Internet at www.dpr.gov.uk/donotbemised.html.

For registration queries, contact the Data Protection Registrar (www.dpr.gov.uk, Tel: 01625 545 745). Registering, if you need to, costs £35 against which there is no VAT charged.

Robin Chapman

Friends and neighbours were shocked to hear of the sudden death of Robin Chapman, who lived in Eastern Road, N2.

Robin was in his early sixties and was a well-known figure in the park which he loved and where he walked his dog Trine. He was in fact the founder of The Friends of Cherry Tree Wood and had only recently stepped down from the committee, which he set up in the mid-nineties.

His funeral took place at Our Lady of Muswell on 26 April. THE ARCHER sends sympathy to his wife Kirsten and to his family. A full obituary will appear in next month's paper.



Greening the Grange - the first trees go in

Planting for posterity

Can it be true that because of a United Nations Conference on Environment and Development in Rio de Janeiro in 1992 that residents on the Grange Estate and parents and children from Martin School PTA were seen planting trees this March?

The UN conference called for each community to formulate a Local Agenda 21 partnership to change the ways we live, eat, learn, and communicate - all under the noble banner of saving the Earth.

Of course it is only when the local people get involved that a Local Agenda 21 is seen to be working in a real way.

Our local Greening Group, led by Colin Rogers, has been growing saplings on a local allotment for the past few years and this March volunteers planted about 50 on the Grange Estate and over 100 around the

Martin School playing field.

Village Greening

The planting of trees is a useful way of giving something of benefit to the community for which the next generation will be thankful. So, it's well done to Colin and the other planters. And with the planting done, a careful watch will be kept to ensure the health of the trees.

The Greening Group still has some woodland trees to give away to residents to plant in their gardens. For further details contact Colin on 8444 7150.

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