



All change at the Council

By David Hobbs

Barnet Council leader, Victor Lyons, has made sweeping changes to the structure of the council cabinet. A number of posts have been abolished and new posts created, including a dedicated Cabinet Member for Children which incorporates elements of education, welfare and social services.

Cabinet minister for children

Outgoing cabinet members include Brian Coleman, whose environment and transport portfolio is being taken over by Matthew Offord, and Lynne Hillan whose education and children portfolio is being split between John Marshall, who takes on education and lifelong learning, and Chris Harris who takes on the new

post of cabinet member for children.

Cllr Lyon said that he wanted to bring in new people with new ideas who would bring enthusiasm, determination and vision to their new roles. He also expressed his thanks to the outgoing cabinet members for their work over the past two years.

Ann Owens Centre "steams ahead"

By Daphne Chamberlain

A new phase began last month for the Ann Owens Centre. For the next 18 months to two years, the Oak Lane building will be shared by users of the Leaside Centre, while their own building is being renovated.

Age Concern Barnet's director, Mark Robinson, is optimistic about the immediate future. "It's full steam ahead," he told *THE ARCHER*. "Barnet has definitely promised money for this financial year, which is to be supplemented by Age Concern Barnet and Finchley Age Concern, and I am reasonably confident that money will be found for next year."

Mutual help

Barnet is providing transport for users and staff from Leaside, one of the centres

administered by the Freemantle charity. Mr Robinson said that Age Concern and Freemantle are not merging - just helping each other out.

Ann Owens has lost its assistant manager, Linda, but Mr Robinson said she had left voluntarily. Her post has not been replaced, but at present Age Concern's day services manager is based in the building. The centre has also lost its two part-time cooks, as meals are now bought in. Apart from this, there are no changes for the users.

THE ARCHER will visit the Centre in the next few months to see how the new arrangements are progressing.

Play group places

Places are available at the Old Barn pre-school playgroup. Children from two years of age can be accommodated from Monday to Friday during term time.

Based at the Old Barn Community Centre on Tarling Road, it has a large playing area with plenty of activities and equipment both indoors and out.

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Making a difference

By Diana Cormack

Over 700 people attended a ceremony at City Hall on Thursday 1 July, which had been declared London Day 2004. All the guests had been selected because they were judged to be doing something to make a difference to life in London. Among them was East Finchley's own Sippy Azizollah.

Regular readers will not be surprised to learn that Jan Roberts, chairperson of North London Lupus, had nominated Sippy, who has devoted this year to raising £10,000 for Lupus UK. Though she did not win one of the eight special awards, Sippy told *THE ARCHER* that the event surpassed her expectations. It began with drinks at 7 pm, followed by food in a variety of themed rooms, such as 'Cinema' serving hot dogs and



Sippy with Ken Livingstone and Norman Rose (Barbara Bus Fund driver) at the London Awards.

popcorn and 'Olympics 2012' providing food from many different countries. All this was accompanied by music, with easy listening on one floor, a steel band on another and a free R and B concert outside.

Ken Livingstone addressed the audience, without any notes, for fifteen minutes and later on Sippy managed to meet him. The ceremony ended at 9 pm, with everyone receiving a certificate for London Day thanking them for making an outstanding con-

tribution to life in London.

Sippy has more events planned for the next few months, including a balloon race in October, but she is still waiting for some of the sponsorship money raised by the 100 mile relay race on Sunday 6 July.

If you have not yet handed yours in, you can find Sippy in the Five Bells on East End Road every Monday and Thursday night.

Thanks to your support, *THE ARCHER* stall at the East Finchley Community Festival raised £282 for Sippy's collection.

Royal visitor

The Duke of Gloucester visited Avenue House on 16 July. He presented the Queen's Jubilee Award for Services to the Voluntary Sector to Henan Abraham of the Somalian Families Support Group.

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