



Forty years on the clock for GLH

Celebrations to mark the 40th anniversary of the GLH taxi firm in East Finchley started in its forecourt opposite the tube station when the Pinstripe Highlander Pipers gave a terrific bagpipe display.

Later, managing director John Scott gave out prizes and thanked drivers, riders and office staff at the annual GLH staff awards and birthday celebrations held at Highgate Golf Club. East Finchley resident Zoë Powers was presented with the staff award of the year.

Other award winners were Dominic Anthony (senior manager of the year); Peter Ross (department shield); Anthony Dunning (passenger department), Mick O'Brien (despatch department) and Robert Hurley (auxiliary). The award for best new employee went to Sonia O'Connell.

GLH was delighted to be joined by THE ARCHER's

Diana Cormack and guests of honour Richard Whistance and Jonathan Ekin, co-founders of the C-Change Trust. GLH has been working closely with this UK-based charity to offset the emissions created by their organisation (THE ARCHER, May 2007).

Jonathan, the guest speaker for the evening, said being green wasn't just about planting trees and emphasised how proud C-Change were to be working with schools and colleges to help educate further generations to take care of the world.

John Scott thanked local residents and customers both old and new for their continued support over the past 40 years.



Brian Lenane, Andrew Fyfe and Cormac McCormack of Bishop Douglass School. Photos by Diana Cormack

Marathon runners earn their medals

By Diana Cormack

This year's Flora London Marathon took place under the cruellest of conditions. The majority of participants had spent months training in cooler and more clement weather but the heat on Sunday 22 April would surely have sapped Pheidippides himself. Even the most experienced athletes found it hard going, so one can only imagine the effect it had on those new to the event.



Victoria Davenport

It was the first marathon for Bishop Douglass teachers Andrew Fyfe, Brian Lenane and Cormac McCormack and for Durham Road resident Victoria Davenport; the second for Paul

Homer, manager of the Phoenix cinema and the third for Matthew Hales, also of Durham Road, who ran with Frank Gillespie of Fortismere Avenue. Under the circumstances, completing the course became more important than the time taken to do so, yet they all put in a creditable performance and most of them intend to do it again.

"Everyone could do it with the proper training even if you've never run before,"



Paul Homer



Matthew Hales

Victoria told THE ARCHER and Matthew pointed out that there are marathon training programmes, hints and helpful suggestions on the internet. Serious training usually begins in the New Year and in 2008 Matthew is hoping to get

local runners together, through this paper, and produce a group diary for readers. Meanwhile, if you would like to donate to any of the charities chosen by our East Finchley runners, doing so online attracts 28% extra through Gift Aid if you are a UK taxpayer. Visit www.justgiving.com/bishopdouglass3 (for the Anthony Nolan Trust), www.justgiving.com/phoenix-paul (for the Phoenix Cinema Trust), www.justgiving.com/flm victoria (for The Children's Society), www.justgiving.com/matthewhales01 (for The Teenage Cancer Trust).

New venue for singles

By Betti Blatman

Contact, a social group for unattached singles, launched one of their weekly events at a new venue, The New Brunswick Pub, Dartmouth Park Hill, Highgate on Saturday 28 April. The relaxed, house party atmosphere was greatly enjoyed by all who attended.

Kevin Best, one of the landlords, met Adrienne at one of Contact's events last February and now they're engaged to be married. It was a success-

ful Contact match and they've provided the group with a successful venue (must be good karma!).

Contact will be back at The New Brunswick on Saturday 23 June and return thereafter on 21 July, 18 August and 15 September. For further details, contact Julie on 020 8366 8596 or www.contactsingles.co.uk.

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