



YOUNG ARCHER

Celebrating the Harvest

By Diana Cormack

For centuries people all over the world have celebrated that special time of year when the crops are gathered in.

Because they depended on a good harvest to keep them alive throughout the winter months, it was also a time of festivals when they thanked their god or gods for providing the food they needed. For those who worked on the land it was a particularly busy time bringing in the cereals, fruit and vegetables so when it was over, naturally they were ready to party. Today's harvest celebrations are a reminder of their ancient customs.

Remember you should try to eat five servings of fruit and vegetables every day.



Sunflowers at Martin School. Photograph by Diana Cormack

Home-grown harvesting

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Despite the inclement weather over the summer holidays, the allotments at Martin Primary School managed to provide a plentiful harvest.

Over the year the children have grown flowers such as geraniums, sweet peas, sunflowers, asters and Busy Lizzies and have cultivated their own strawberries. The main produce has been vegetables, with sweet corn, carrots, runner and broad beans, potatoes, spinach, beetroot, lettuce, tomatoes, cabbages, radishes, marrows, pumpkins, courgettes, cucumbers, leeks and green onions being carefully nurtured.

Not only have the pupils learned how to grow plants, they have also been able to harvest them and subsequently to prepare them for eating. What a wonderful way to feed young minds and to encourage children to eat healthily.

Jokes for harvest time

- What did the lettuce say to the celery?
Stop stalking me!
- Why did the onion go out with the prune?
Because he couldn't find a date.
- What is the fastest vegetable?
A runner bean.
- Why mustn't you tell secrets in a cornfield?
Because there are too many ears.

Prizewinning posters tackle litter scourge

Students at Fortismere School have won prizes for anti-litter posters and their winning entries are on show in shop windows all along Muswell Hill Broadway.

The competition was designed by the Fortis Green Safer Neighbourhood team,

Fortismere School, Haringey Council and the Muswell Hill and Fortis Green Association to encourage students to recognise the problems litter can cause.

More than 80 students took part and the winners received cash prizes at the Muswell Hill Festival in Cherry Tree Wood on Sunday 16 September.

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Visitors always welcome



Visitors peruse the arts and crafts on offer at last year's EFO Art Fair. Photograph by John Lawrence

Welcome to the Fair

By Janet Halton

On Sunday 18 November East Finchley Open will be holding its annual Art Fair from 10.30am-4pm at Martin Primary School, Plane Tree Walk.

The EFO group of locally based artists and craftspeople has been going for four years now and the Fair is organised by Christine Watson and Monica Peiser. This year, like every other, applications for stalls by EFO members and others have already been brisk. Christine is expecting a wide variety of original and affordable work to be available.

Assembly with a difference

One of the enjoyable things about the Fair is that it takes place in Martin Primary School with the strong support of the Headteacher, Maggie Driscoll. The school offers its excellent halls, which are a source of

interest to those who haven't seen them before, or perhaps not for a while. The warm welcome, in sometimes doubtful weather, is enhanced by the possibility of refreshments, somewhere to sit down and chat and, for children, a face painter.

There's free admission but a voluntary donation of £1 per adult is suggested, all of which goes to Contact, the registered local charity. Contact aims to improve the quality of life for elderly, disabled and isolated members of the N2 community. In the last two years visitors have contributed more than £1,300 through their £1 donations.

Art and craft for all

Finally to what will be on

sale at the 35 (or more) stalls. There are ceramicists, jewellers, photographers, textile artists, including stitchers and felt-makers, as well as painters on silk. There's also a milliner and a costume designer with clothes to try.

Handmade work of all kinds includes traditional and contemporary basketry, bags, plain paper books, artists' cards, special soap, painted glass and stained glass mirrors; it will also be possible to buy a painting or an original print.

East Finchley Open hopes as many people as possible will be able to come and looks forward to meeting all visitors on the day.

The curious incident of the litter in the night-time

By David Melsome

It began as a one-off and then became an almost nightly occurrence. Strange piles of litter have been appearing regularly along Church Vale and Twyford Avenue to the puzzlement of people who live nearby.

On several nights of the week, mainly Thursday to Sunday, someone is dropping rubbish in the gutter, and always the same items: a large Kleenex tissue box, tissues, a couple of water bottles and, sometimes, chocolate wrappers.

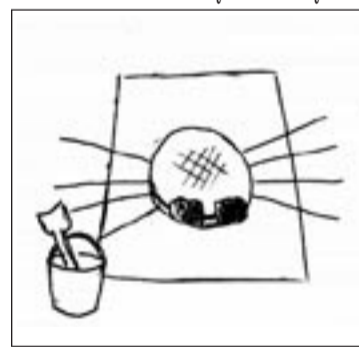
The piles always appear some time between late evening and early morning at a point where cars are not parked. They've been spotted at the end of Church Vale near the junction with Twyford Avenue, the stretch of Twyford Avenue alongside the Fortismere school playing field and the stretch of Twyford Avenue alongside the green at the East Finchley end. The area's street sweeper says it is the worst case of litter dumping on his round.

So who is responsible for this anti-social behaviour? One theory is that the culprit is someone working nights, may be a mini cab driver,

taking a break.

Residents are perplexed and not a little angry, considering there are litter bins only yards away. Their message to the mystery litter-bug is simple: bin it or take it home.

Spiderama
by Ashley



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