



## Bishop Douglass Summer Camp

By Brian Lenane

It's been an eventful summer at Bishop Douglass School. Funding from Barnet Children's Services made it possible for the school to organise and run a free summer camp for the local and surrounding community. This further promotes headteacher Angela Murphy's aim of strengthening the links between the school and the locality.

The camp was available for nine to 13-year-olds in the area, and provided an excellent opportunity to encourage worthwhile activities for youngsters during their summer holidays. Activities ranged from multi-sports (rounders, tennis, basketball and trampolining) to arts and crafts. With weekly trips to London's major museums and the local Phoenix cinema, the camp was enjoyed by all who attended.

Local children made the most of this great opportunity, with some showing high enthusiasm for sports and culture. Elmina Ahmeti, aged 10, from East Finchley said: "I think that it's good because they take us

to interesting places. It's much better than staying at home doing nothing except for sleeping and watching TV."

Aisha Namutebi said: "I think summer camp is fun because you get to meet new people and to do different sports."

Efosa Igbinoba said: "I love summer camp because it gives us a chance to meet new people and to interact with them, support each other and play with one another."

Camp organisers Brian Lenane, Stephen O'Brien and Robina Spinks enjoyed giving a large number of children four weeks of new experiences and a lot of fun.



Bishop Douglass School sports hall transformed. Photo by Diana Cormack

## Hindu leaders of the future

From 27 July to 5 August, Bishop Douglass RC School was home to 200 youngsters from the Hindu community who had come from as far away as Yorkshire and Surrey.

The residential event's purpose was to impart a cultural education to the young people who would return to their homes having had a practical experience promoting good citizenship, healthy living, and excellence in education.

The main organiser of the event and North London Secretary of HSS (Hindu Swayamsevak Sangh) Mr Mayur Shah, said: "We are delighted to have been able to bring so many kids to Barnet. Through the support of the council, the school and the local community we've

managed to deliver a first class experience."

On the support from the local community, Mr Shah added: "We had to feed 200 kids three times a day and the response we had from our community in cooking 1,000 chappatis and all other food on a daily basis made us proud of the public spirit of people in East Finchley."

The final day on Sunday 5 August saw a turnout of 600 guests who observed examples of the activities and heard of the experiences of the participants.

## Sibling success in Barnet Open

By Sheila Armstrong

Two young local painters exhibited for the first time this summer at the artsdepot in North Finchley. Brother and sister Kit and Brekke Friend, both of whom attended Holy Trinity Primary School in East Finchley, have had pictures in this year's Barnet Open Art Exhibition.

After Holy Trinity, both attended Hendon School and are now students at Central St Martins. Kit is in his final year on the Arts Design and Environment BA. Brekke starts there in the autumn on the Foundation Course.



Kit and Brekke Friend with their paintings. Photo by Melvyn Friend.

## YOUNG ARCHER

### Back to school jokes

**Teacher:** Why are you so late?

**Sam:** Because of the sign.

**Teacher:** What sign?

**Sam:** The one that says "School ahead, go slow".

**Teacher:** Why are you doing your maths on the floor, Pat?

**Pat:** Because you told me to do it without tables, Miss.

**Teacher:** Chris, how do you spell "crocodile"?

**Chris:** K-R-O-K-O-D-A-I-L.

**Teacher:** No, that's wrong.

**Chris:** Maybe it's wrong, but you asked me how I spell it.

**Teacher:** Gerry, name one important thing we have today that we didn't have ten years ago.

**Gerry:** Me!

**Teacher:** Kelly, why do you always get so dirty?

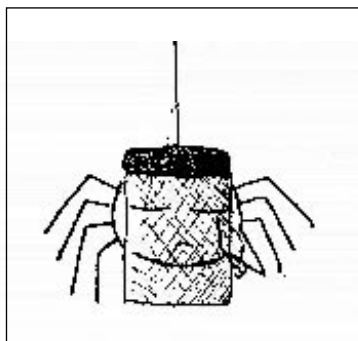
**Kelly:** Because I'm closer to the ground than you are, Sir.

**Teacher:** What do you call a person who keeps on talking when you are no longer interested?

**Pupil:** A teacher!

## Spiderama

by Ashley



Black widow spider

## RSPCA summer news

By Caroline Broome

Warmer weather brings with it the risk of animals overheating or even dying in unventilated hot cars. If you spot an animal that has been left unattended in a vehicle, please report your concerns to the RSPCA on 0870 5555 999.

Also evident at this time of year are young birds and animals that may be taking their first faltering steps into the big wide world. Don't panic if you see a young wild animal on its own. If you are worried go right away from the site and return in an hour or so; you will almost certainly find that the natural parents have taken care of the youngster. If, however, you think a bird or animal is genuinely orphaned, please report it to the RSPCA on the same number.

The RSPCA Small Animal Clinic is located in Park Road, East Finchley, N2 8EX. Clinic opening hours have been extended. As always, surgeries are held on Monday and

Thursday evenings but doors now open at 5.30pm and consultations start at the earlier time of 6pm and finish at 7.30pm.

From September we are welcoming two new vets to our team. No appointments are necessary; just bring your pet along to one of our regular clinic sessions, or telephone 020 8365 3910 during clinic hours for more details.

Finally, many thanks for all the support of local residents who visited our RSPCA stand at the recent East Finchley Festival in Cherry Tree Wood. We hope to see you all again at our autumn fund raising event to be held in the RSPCA Clinic: more details of that in future issues of *THE ARCHER*.

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