



Coffin campaign for financial justice

A group campaigning for a fair deal for Equitable Life policyholders took its ongoing fight to Westminster when hundreds of former and current members petitioned their MPs to continue to support their call for compensation.

At its height Equitable Life had about 1.5 million investors across the UK of whom some 5,300 live in the four north London constituencies of Finchley and Golders Green, Enfield Southgate, Enfield North and Chipping Barnet. Finchley and Golders Green accounts for approximately 2,070.

Justice urged for dwindling numbers

Roy Finchett, an East Finchley resident and chairman of the recently-formed Equitable Members Action Group North London action committee, said on average 15 Equitable investors die every day and for them justice will never be served. The group carried coffins to make

their point.

Each speaker at the event pledged their unequivocal support to ensure the Government implements in full the findings of the Parliamentary Ombudsman's Second Report published during the summer of 2009. This report recommended compensation to all Equitable policyholders for the loss of investments and income caused by maladministration by financial regulators in the 1990s.

The meeting at Methodist Central Hall attracted over 400 Equitable investors, and was addressed by MPs Vince Cable, David Davis, Fabian Hamilton, Daniel Kawczynski and Dr. Tony Wright.



Roy Finchett, left, at the Equitable Members Action Group protest in Westminster.



The Kaos choir giving it their all at the Royal Festival Hall. Photo courtesy Suzy Davies.

Big year ahead for deaf and hearing choir

The ground-breaking Kaos choir is kicking off 2010 with the release of a new CD and a DVD recording of their latest ultra-catchy songs.

With titles like *Groovy Granny*, *Respect* and *Crazy Hairdresser*, Kaos songs all start with ideas from the children in the choir and are written to be performed in sign language as well as song. *Moving On* is a particularly touching number about leaving behind your primary school friends to take the big step up into secondary school.

Last year was not an easy one for Kaos, with funding hard to come by. But 2010 is the choir's 15th birthday year and promises to be an exciting one.

There are plans for big con-

certs and events, and the choir is getting celebrity support from TV and stage actress Josette Simon, who says: "There is no other choir like it. The songs are witty and moving and they're a celebration of creativity."

With 200 deaf and hearing members already, ranging in age from four to 18, Kaos is always open to new recruits. They have weekly song workshops and singing sessions at locations in Muswell Hill, Hornsey and Highgate.



Choir members exude energy and happiness. Photo courtesy Suzy Davies.

Find out more about Kaos or buy their recordings and sheet music by visiting www.thekaos.org. All profits go towards the choir's annual fundraising target of £10,000.

Re-dedication at All Saints

By Daphne Chamberlain

"All good music draws the soul upward after a wonderful manner. Many people here are happy to have their souls bewitched by music." Who said that? Father Christopher Hardy of All Saints Church, Durham Road, speaking at Mass last month.

He told *THE ARCHER*, "We are very fortunate to have a magnificent shrine to St Cecilia in our church, which we are re-dedicating".

St Cecilia is the patron saint of music, making it very fitting that she should be associated with the venue of the annual East Finchley Arts Festival.

Festival organiser Geoffrey Hanson and internationally

famous poet Fleur Adcock both worship at All Saints. Fleur wrote a sonnet asking for inspiration for everyone involved in the art of music and Geoffrey set this to music for the choir to sing.

The sonnet particularly mentioned instrument makers,

which was another fitting touch. The re-dedication date was 13 December, the birthday of the late Dietrich Kessler, celebrated maker and restorer of viols. Dietrich's widow, the viol player Jane Ryan, who also worships at the church, was there with their family.

GEMINI PHOTOGRAPHIC Camera sales and repair centre

Set of 6 ID or Passport photos: adults and children @ £3.99 babies @ £5.00
Telescope sale now on plus special offers on selected items, come in and see!
Used cameras purchased and sold.
Repair problem? See the technician for an estimate, Fri/Sat 10.30~6.00

58 High Road, East Finchley, N2 9PN. 020 8883 6152.

AP Gentlemens Barbers

Thank all their customers for a successful year.
50 High Road, East Finchley, London N2 9PJ
t: 0208 815 5557

Eastfinchleyclinic
Wendy Longworth & Associates physiotherapy practice offers a variety of treatments at the clinic, or off-site, in patients homes, nursing homes, private hospitals and other organisations.

- Back Pain
- Neck Pain
- Whiplash Injury
- Sciatica
- Sports Injury
- Frozen Shoulder
- Arthritis
- Tennis Elbow
- Sprain or Strain
- Rehabilitation
- Neurological
- Stroke

www.eastfinchleyclinic.co.uk
East Finchley Clinic
2-3 Bedford Mews
Bedford Road
London N2 9DF
020 8883 5888
FAX: 020 8444 8874

Finchley Carpet Cleaner

- Professional Carpet Cleaning
- Oriental Rug Cleaning
- Stain Removal

Competitive Prices

- Also We Do Removals

Tel: 020 8815 9508 Mob: 07930177510

Do you suffer with bowel problems?
Cecilia Holmes R.G.N. R.C.T. is a trained nurse and colonic therapist. She can help.
Colonic Hydrotherapy treatments help with I.B.S. Constipation, headaches and candida problems. After a colonic you will have better energy levels.
Alternatively home visits are available to administer herbal enemas and massage, a gentler, but longer route to cleansing the bowel, but just as effective.
email: colonicssc@yahoo.co.nz tel: 07533 750 400 or 020 8444 8702

Cree Godfrey Wood Solicitors
Commissioners for Oaths
Hours: 9.30am to 5.30pm.
email: admin@creegodfreyandwood.co.uk
28 High Road, London N2 9PJ
Tel: 020 8883 9414 / 9496 / 0989
www.creegodfreyandwood.co.uk

Greene Driving School
East Finchley N2
From **£17.50** x 2 Hr lessons
Safe driving for life
Low Co2 footprint 114
Eco & Low Maint Tuition
Pass Plus 4 cheaper
Insurance. Greenedriving.co.uk
Call **John M.I.M.I**
0773 851 4406